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**Arts** Peter Rowan will bring an eclectic mix of styles to El Cerrito appearance [C3]

## Waterfront plans will likely go to voters

Commercial project proposed by track owner differs greatly from other interests envision on the land

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — People are weighing in on what they want to see on the waterfront in a series of city meetings expected to guide the future of Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

Any changes on the waterfront will likely have to be coordinated with Measure C, which limits development to certain recreational uses, golf courses, and

parks, parking lots and restaurants or bars. Any other uses would have to be approved by voters.

Many believe that because of this law, voters will end up having final say over a development plan submitted by Magna Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields.

The plan comprises 300,000 square feet of commercial, retail and entertainment facilities, a 300,000-square-foot event center capable of holding 10,000 people, and an expansion of the racetrack's simulcast facilities by 100,000 square feet. A parking structure also is proposed.

Albany City Attorney Robert Zweber said the development would likely go to the voters because it would be impossible for Magna

to make a profit under the current Measure C restrictions.

"They need to have some of those uses that are not consistent with Measure C," Zweber said. "And a hotel is an easy example, so they need to get voter approval."

He added, "at some point they're going to hit something that will go before a Measure C vote. I think it's unavoidable."

Peter Tunney said the company hasn't looked that far ahead yet.

"We filed a conceptual plan to allow the city and the citizens to voice their opinions," said Tunney, the vice president of the California division of Magna Entertainment Corp.

The city is holding a series of meetings

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WILNER and Sid Nielsen work on the wiring during the restoration project on the Mendoza home.

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## Neighbors come to fire victim's rescue

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The fire moved

so did the help.

the morning of Jan. 9, 65-year-old Lupe Mendoza walked

out to her kitchen in

to warm some milk in a

her coffee. When she

got on the burner, her stove

had a loud boom and

burst through the home.

On the stove and in

the big fire right in my

and Mendoza, standing in

the charred, dusty ruins of what used to be her kitchen.

Mendoza, her nephew and his wife and their two children got out alive, but the two-story, one-bedroom Santa Fe Avenue home was done for.

Neighbors on the 800 block of Santa Fe Avenue, along with parents and students from nearby Marin Elementary School have come together to help Mendoza and her family. Volunteers are spending their Saturdays demolishing and rebuilding Mendoza's

one-bedroom home and expect her to move back by early May.

"She needed help," said neighbor Estelle Wagg. "It's the neighborly thing to do."

The fire that burned Mendoza's home was caused by gas leak. The loud boom woke up Mendoza's next-door neighbor, 28-year-old Nash Weber.

"I just lay in bed thinking, 'What was that sound?'" Weber said. "And finally I walked to the

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### HOW TO HELP

Items are still being sought for Lupe Mendoza, who was burned out of her Albany home on Jan. 9. The items include a 30-inch white gas stove, curtains, five windows, an interior door, a countertop, ceiling fan, vinyl flooring, a television, microwave and toaster.

To make a donation or to help rebuild Mendoza's home or other homes in the Albany-Berkeley-Emeryville area, call 510-644-8979.

A tentative design would place the new city hall across a central outdoor plaza from the fire and police stations. That would require Manila Avenue to be closed to traffic between San Pablo Avenue and Kearney Street.

A gateway on San Pablo Avenue would open onto the plaza, and the new building would be set off with special paving and street lighting.

The chosen site was considered the most cost-effective by a council that has already cut costs by eliminating a library or senior center from the plans, though such buildings could be added in the future.

The council already has authorized spending \$1.3 million of the estimated \$7.3 million cost.

The rest would be paid for in

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EL CERRITO — Due in part to anticipated financial difficulties, the city will have residents surveyed about what services they think are most important.

The surveys will identify possible ways to increase revenues as well as to reduce or eliminate some services if necessary, City Manager Scott Hanin said. The surveys also will show how willing people are to pay for a new library and senior center, which were left out of plans for a new

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## i chi, qigong demos here Saturday

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EL CERRITO — Warren Gold, a

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physical therapy and var-

relievers for his chronic back

it wasn't improving.

about a year ago, he began an

new approach — the ancient

practice of qigong. Gold said

still hasn't gone away but he's

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specific set of movements said to distribute positive energy, or chi, through the body, expel negative energy and collect energy from the environment. The practice is 1,700 years old.

Together with acupuncture, massage, and herbal medicine, Qigong one alternative medical techniques taught at the Wen Wu School of Martial Arts.

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and tai-chi and offers calligraphy,

painting and feng shui classes. All of

its courses are based on ancient Chi-

inese practices.

Cynthia Eaton recently taught a

nighttime qigong class which drew

about 25 people. Eaton demonstrated

a new set of slow, graceful, carefully orchestrated movements to the class,

using her hands, arms, legs, head and

torso.

Two assistants on either side of her

did the same moves to show the class

what they looked like from different

angles. The students then practiced

the moves themselves.

The qigong teachers said they have

more energy than others their age, are

sick less and that the benefits seem

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DURING A QIGONG class, El Cerrito resident and assistant teacher Peggy Dey, foreground, demonstrates a movement to the class. There will be tai chi and qigong practice sessions Saturday at Cerrito Vista Park for "World Tai Chi and Qigong Day."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Stores to donate part of sales to schools

The toy store Five Little Monkeys and the children's clothing store Sweet Potatoes will donate 10 percent of their sales Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, to Albany schools through the Albany Education Foundation and SchoolCARE.

Stephanie Sala co-owns Five Little Monkeys with her mother, Anna Tokunaga, who also is a partner in Sweet Potatoes. Both were born and raised in Albany and went to Albany schools, Sala says, and they want to give back to the community.

Five Little Monkeys is at 1230 Solano Ave.; it's open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sweet Potatoes, is at 1224 Solano Ave.; it's open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## El Cerrito

## North gateway is subject of city workshop

A design workshop for the city's north gateway will be held Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at St. John the Baptist Community Center, 6500 Gladys Ave.

The Gateway property is located at San Pablo and MacDonald avenues, just south of Albertson's. El Cerrito recently purchased this property with a \$350,000 grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy and \$50,000 in city funds.

The grant requires that the area remain as open space, with a restored creek and an extension of the Ohlone Greenway for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Residents are invited to contribute ideas for transforming this area into an appealing neighborhood park. Ideas generated at the event will be incorporated into the conceptual design of the park.

## LWV will discuss single-payer health care

A single-payer health plan will be the topic at the annual business luncheon of the League of Women Voters Richmond Area will be at Denny's Restaurant at the corner of Potrero and San Pablo avenues at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15.

The federally-funded Lewin Study considered nine health plans and decided Health Care for all Californians is the most effective. Howard Mitchell, M.D., M.P.H. who has spent 50 years as a health administrator and educator all over the world, will tell why he believes this single-payer health plan is the best choice for California.

For more information, and to request a lunch entree, call Jean Lipton at 510-525-8155 no later than Monday, April 14.

## Independent-living fair at senior center

The Open House Senior Center, at 6500 Stockton Ave., will hold a Living Independently Fair 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday, April 23, to show the latest gadgets that help people live on their own. For more information, call 510-215-4340.

## Earth Day volunteers to do big clean-ups

Hundreds of volunteers will be helping to clean up more than 30 sites, including schools and neighborhood parks throughout the city this Earth Day, Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The focus this year will be on the city's north gateway, a piece of land creek advocates want to turn into a park.

At noon, there will be a free barbecue lunch, with vegetarian alternatives, at the city's community center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Residents are being asked to sign up for work sites by calling Councilwoman Janet Abelson at 510-525-7709 or by e-mailing earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. Organizers are asking for a name, phone number and work site preference.

## National Library Week begins April 12

The El Cerrito Library will hold a National Library Week celebration starting at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 12.

At 11 a.m., Yolanda Rhodes will tell stories from Africa and the Caribbean. At 11:30 a.m., prizes and ribbons will be awarded for the library's "Dress the Bear" contest. At noon the Wen Wu School of Martial Arts will demonstrate Shaolin Kung Fu and Tai Chi Chuan. And at 1 p.m., Connie Chen and Deanna Leong will demonstrate Chinese knotting.

The library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

## Sierra Club session on alternative energy

The West Contra Costa County chapter of the Sierra Club will have a program on alternative energy sources, including solar energy, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 23 at Northminster Presbyterian Church's Makamie Hall, 545 Ashbury St. Information: Rita Minares, 510-528-2913.

## Kensington

## Summer day camp will begin June 16

The Kensington Community Council's Summer Day Camp, for children entering the first through sixth grades, will run from June 16 through Aug. 22, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each week, campers will have at least one major trip by private bus to interesting locations, including the Jelly Belly Factory, the Bay Area Discovery Museum and the San Francisco Zoo. There will also be hiking, games, arts and crafts, tennis with Alex Brown and more. The camp has a limit of 60 children a week. Children can be enrolled on a weekly basis. The cost is \$165 a week with the cost prorated for the Fourth of July week to \$132. There is also a \$25 deductible deposit.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 510-525-0292 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Berkeley

## Floral design, spring tea at garden club

The Berkeley Garden Club will hold its benefit spring tea with a professional floral design demonstration by Dariel Alexander on Tuesday, April 15 at 1 p.m.

Alexander is an esteemed designer who has exhibited at the Legion of Honor's Bouquets to Art. Guests are welcome. Tickets are \$8 at the door. The club meets at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. For information call: 510-524-4374.

## FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

"A Will or a Trust, What is the difference?"

Location: Ballena Bay Yacht Club  
1150 Ballena Blvd.,  
Alameda

When: 7-8 PM Tuesday, April 15

For information call:

**510-521-3361**

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## ALBANY POLICE

## Tuesday, April 1

■ **VEHICLE FOUND** — Hercules police located a blue '85 Honda that had been reported as stolen from Albany on March 22. They did not have anyone in custody. The vehicle was towed and the owner reported.

■ **ROBBERY** — At about 10 a.m. a bank on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported being robbed by a subject with a silver handgun. He was last seen departing in a blue Toyota Tercel. Albany dispatch sent out a general alert to the surrounding areas and he was captured on the 2600 block of Sacramento in Berkeley when his vehicle rammed into a Berkeley city truck, causing injury to the city worker and to himself. Both were transported to the hospital. A check found that the vehicle the Richmond man was driving had been taken in a carjacking in Oakland. He was arrested for robbery, possession of stolen property and carjacking and turned over to the Alameda County Sheriff's office for processing when he is released from the hospital.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a black '89 Honda Prelude parked on the 500 block of Masonic Avenue belonging to a Richmond woman. The vehicle was located in El Cerrito the next evening. It had not been damaged and the owner was notified.

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■ **VEHICLE**

# Ellen Hoffman continues her long musical journey

CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

NE SUMMER, Ellen Hoffman was invited to lead a summer program at the Berkeley Broadways music for all ages. At the end of the summer, the attendees wanted to go on. The 25 singers grew to 75 Berkeley Broadways singers were launched.

Hoffman, an esteemed jazz pianist and composer, now leads the group, writes and arranges music for them and accompanies them.

But that's just part of what Hoffman is up to musically.

With interests that range from jazz to classical, Broadway to gospel, popular, ragtime and everything in between, Hoffman has had a busy musical career that shows no signs of slowing down.

She plays piano with a symphony, leads a jazz combo, is a vocal coach, songwriter and composer, runs a jazz singers' mike, and directs a 15-member chamber orchestra.

She accompanies the Oakland Youth Chorus and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. She has performed at music festivals all over the

country, including the Monterey Jazz Festival and the New Orleans Jazz Festival. She has also played the White House.

She has performed with or accompanied Linda Ronstadt, Joan Baez, Pete Seeger and many others, and with internationally known ensembles including the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

She's a faculty member and former music director of Jazz Camp West, a summer camp, and was artist-in-residence at several Bay Area schools, including the San Francisco School of the Arts.

She has received numerous commissions to compose and arrange orchestral music, and her music has been performed by symphonies and chamber ensembles across the country.

For 10 years she has been associated with the Oakland Youth Chorus and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. She has performed at music festivals all over the

country, including the Oakland East Bay Symphony and its music director, Michael Morgan.

Hoffman says she is excited about a free concert by the Oakland East Bay Symphony, at the Richmond Auditorium on April 26, where the group will play one of her compositions for orchestra and chorus with audience participation.

On May 4 at the Freight & Salvage in Berkeley, she will return to her jazz roots, playing her own music with guest artists.

The Berkeley Broadway Singers will help raise money for a new roof for St. Ambrose Church in a concert at the church, at 1145 Gilman St., in Berkeley. They have a special interest in helping with the campaign, since they rehearse at St. Ambrose.

Hoffman was born in Washington, D.C., and brought up in Baltimore. After studying at the Peabody Institute, she earned degrees at Boston University and Mills College.

But the best music instruction she ever received, she says, was at the music camp

## CONCERTS

The Berkeley Broadways Singers' St. Ambrose concert is at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the church, \$10 general/\$8 seniors, 1145 Gilman St., Berkeley.

The Oakland East Bay Symphony's concert in the Richmond Auditorium is at 7 p.m., April 26, Free. 403 Civic Plaza, Richmond.

Ellen Hoffman's Freight & Salvage concert is at 8 p.m. May 4, \$15.50 advance/\$16.50 door, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley, 510-548-1761.

she attended as a teen-ager. That's where she discovered jazz, found the composition teacher she needed and was set on her life's course.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is [cruggenser@aol.com](mailto:cruggenser@aol.com).

# He who wins Pulitzer laughs last — and best

MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

Center is in the middle of a three-month festival of his music. And in September he begins a three-year stint as composer-in-residence at Carnegie Hall.

A film version of "Klinghoffer" will be shown April 20-21 at the San Francisco International Film Festival. On April 30, Michael Tilson-Thomas will conduct the San Francisco Symphony in the world premiere of Adafins' new symphony, "My Father Knew Charles Ives." Currently, Adams is writing an opera based on the life of UC Berkeley physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the atomic bomb.

Like Verdi, Adams chooses the greatest issue of the day as the subject matter of his operas, including "Nixon" and "The Death of Klinghoffer" (1992), a work of truly tragic grandeur based on the hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro and the murder of one of its passengers. One critic said, "It evokes with equal aplomb a Monteverdi arioso, a Mendelssohn scherzo, and 'Duke of Earl.'"

Like Stravinsky, he works with cutting-edge collaborators, including director Peter Sellars, choreographer Mark Morris and poets Alice Goodman and the late UC Berkeley professor June Jordan. Like Bach, his music conveys power and grandeur. And like Mozart, he seems to be a bottomless well of beautiful melodies.

But he's really like none of them. There is only one John Adams. His music delights the ear, stirs the soul, and gladdens the heart. He is one of the greatest composers of our time, right up there with his heroes, Stravinsky and Duke Ellington.

And yet he's just a regular Berkeley guy at heart. You're as likely to see him in jeans, shopping at the Berkeley Bowl with his kids, as you are to see him in tails, striding into Davies Hall.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail [msnapp@cctimes.com](mailto:msnapp@cctimes.com).

# Spring an opportunity to appreciate the egret

SUZANNE CONRAD  
Shoreline Walks

PRING IS IN the air, and for me, that means birds! Singing and courting, competing and nest building is on all over the Bay Area. One of my favorites to watch this time of year is the snowy egret. These long-legged, long-necked, all-white birds can be seen frozen in place in marshes and mudflats, along the edges of creeks and lakes, hunting for fish, frogs, snakes, lizards and small crustaceans. Look for their black and yellow beaks.

We have quite a few snowy egrets around now also, which are smaller, with black beaks. Egrets have multiple mating sites. They offer each other a stretch and dip, duel clapper with their bills, call out a greeting to their mate as they land on the nest.

They will not see their courtship on the shoreline, however, because they nest in the tall trees, like the redwoods at Audubon Canyon Ranch in Marin County.

Great egrets are so numerous in our area that it is easy to take them for granted, but their survival is quite a story.

long, feathery plumes that grow from their shoulders during mating season. It was high fashion to use these nuptial plumes, or aigrettes, in women's hats.

Some very determined women became appalled at the threat of their extinction and organized into a group they named the Audubon Society, after nature illustrator John James Audubon. They helped ensure the great egret's survival by out-

lawing the sale of its feathers. Audubon Canyon Ranch received some initial funding from the Audubon Society, and was established to protect their nesting sites from development. Even in this sanctuary, they have had to contend with raccoons, eagles, and becoming a newly acquired taste for some local ravens.

Over 3 feet tall, with a wingspan of 4½ feet, great egrets weigh only about two pounds. If you get a chance to watch them flying in full sunlight, you'll see by their translucency how they are mostly feather and hollow bones.

EGRETS, WE'VE seen a few ... these big birds came back from the brink when their survival was threatened by fashionable hats.

You can visit the ranch and view the egret, heron and snowy nesting sites on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-July. For information, call 415-868-9244.

I will be on vacation for the next month, but watch for more bird news in May.

Suzanne Conrad, a member of the Albany Waterfront Committee and docent at Audubon Canyon Ranch, writes this regular column about the natural habitat along Albany's shoreline. E-mail your bird sightings from the park to [conrad\\_suzanne@hotmail.com](mailto:conrad_suzanne@hotmail.com).

You don't have to be a film buff to get swept up by "Citizen Kane." You don't have to be an art historian to appreciate the Mona Lisa. And you don't need a degree in musicology to be moved by Adams' music, whether it's an early work like the septet "Shaker Loops" (1978), or a more recent one like his oratorio "I Was Looking at the Ceiling and Then I Saw the Sky" (1988) an "earthquake/romance" whose title quotes a survivor of the Northridge earthquake.

Today he is the most frequently performed American composer. ("Nixon" alone has played to packed houses in more than a dozen cities.) He was the first composer-in-residence at the San Francisco Symphony. New York's Lincoln

# Putting it all together



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SHENESSE MYERS, a first-grader at El Cerrito's Madera Elementary School, experiments with interlocking shapes at the 10th Festival presented by Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science. Parent Ursula Schulzmann, background, and kindergarten teacher Michelle McCarthy, right, assisted in the workshop on structures and tubular pyramids and arches. Students paid for the event by reading tens of thousands of pages of books to win a cash prize in the Senior's Reading Program — a program terminated due to the state budget crisis.

## EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

### El Cerrito High School

Today, April 11, is the deadline for Gaucho Corral Newsletter items. Please submit your items to the folder in the PTSA box in the main office.

Monday, April 14, is San Francisco State University's Information Day. Enrollment is still open for fall. Seniors are encouraged to stop by the Career Center every Friday, to pick up a weekly Scholarship Update. There is a lot of money to be had, but not if you do not apply!

Saturday, April 12, is UC Berkeley's Open House. Many activities are planned, and museums are free. For details see pages A8 and A9 of today's Journal, log on to [www.berkeley.edu/calday](http://www.berkeley.edu/calday) or pick up a brochure in the counseling office. Cal offers summer enrichment courses for students in grade 9-11. See your counselor or visit <http://stdtp.Berkeley.edu>. Congratulations to the following members of the ECHS Forensics team members Elaine Ng, a qualifier in Lin-

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## THE JOURNAL

*"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."*

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## Time has come for a new El Cerrito city hall

IT LOOKS AS though El Cerrito, at long last, will really build a new city hall. It's about time. The portable buildings that were supposed to house city staff temporarily have been there since 1987. The portables — trailers, really — are too small and are showing their age.

The city is like a family that, after years of pinching pennies, finally sees an increase in income and can move to a better home — in fact, build itself a better home.

That doesn't necessarily mean a dream home, no matter how much some members of the family may want it.

A household used to pinching pennies isn't likely to get extravagant and extend itself too far financially just because times got a bit better.

In El Cerrito's case, its slightly rosier financial picture has developed against a background of gloomy economic times for the state, which will no doubt have its effects on the city.

At its meeting on Monday, April 7, the City Council chose a site for city government's new home: the same place where those shabby trailers now stand. There's a tentative design for placement of the new city hall building, with a plaza connecting it to fire and police buildings.

The city also called for the creation of a financial plan that can pay for the project, and looked at a variety of ways these funds might be cobbled together.

It looks as though there will be some shifting of money from one city pot to another to do it. But when all is said and done, according to City Manager Scott Hanin, only a couple of city projects may have their own funds reduced.

It would be wonderful if El Cerrito residents could look forward to a civic center that included, besides a city hall, a new and up-to-date library, a senior center and other public places that invited citizen gatherings and social exchange.

It would be terrific if there were the money for such a civic center.

But this city is nothing if not financially realistic. A full-blown civic center would cost many times more money than the \$7.3 million estimated for just a city hall. So there's no up-to-date library or spacious new senior center in the tentative plans.

As disappointing as that may be, it's fiscally wise. Waiting until there's a bit more money in city coffers with the idea of going for a big civic center later is impractical. The cost of building anything over the next several years is unlikely to drop, and it would not be a surprise if waiting meant that even a modest city hall like the one envisioned would get more and more expensive.

A new home for city government is long overdue. There are practical concerns, such as giving city workers a workplace that's safe and up to code.

But there are less tangible concerns having to do with civic pride and quality of life. El Cerritans deserve a city hall to which they can point with pride, that gives the city a public face.

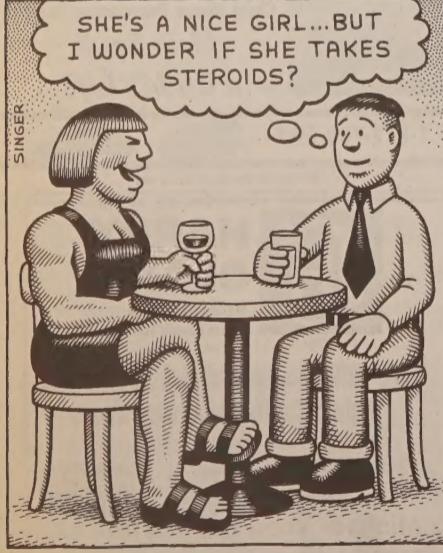
Public structures can be powerful symbols, and a focus for public emotions. We saw that on the international stage this week as Iraqis pulled down statues of a hated dictator and looted government offices.

Planning to build the city hall of a small suburban city of homes exists — thankfully — far on the other end of that spectrum of public feeling and display. But it is most definitely on that same spectrum.

The City Council is doing the right thing to move ahead. And it's also right in remembering to pinch those pennies.

## NO EXIT

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## TIME TO GET STARTED

I ALWAYS PUT ON WEIGHT WHEN I DO OUR TAXES.



TOO MANY TURBO SNAX.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Inexplicable thefts

The Northminster Presbyterian Church has been the victim of theft twice since Jan. 1.

Last August, after much deliberation, we placed a large "Welcome" sign on the side of our sanctuary, next to Ashbury Avenue, where we hung five large (3 feet by 5 feet) flags. In early January, we noticed our peace flag was missing. We replaced it and a group of our members walked with it at the peace march in San Francisco on Feb. 16, following our worship service.

Shortly after the peace flag was replaced on our wall, the rainbow flag was stolen. We do not know why these flags were stolen, but, clearly, someone wanted them gone.

These flags, while not religious in the narrow sense, represent our attempt to reach out in welcome to specific peoples and to embrace some causes, as part of the mission of our church.

With the peace flag, we sought to welcome all those who work for peace and wish to be peacemakers. The rainbow flag represents our welcome to all gay and lesbian peoples to our life. Other flags include the African-American flag, the Earth flag and the U.N. flag — our welcome extends to all.

There are people of many faiths and no professed faith who also share the aspirations these flags represent to us. We know we must make our own welcome as wide as Jesus' welcome is for us.

David McPhail

El Cerrito

McPhail is a ruling elder of Northminster Presbyterian Church in El Cerrito.

## Health care for all

Your help is needed immediately for passage of SB 921, "Health Care for All Californians."

Sen. Sheila Kuehl, the sponsor of the bill, says: "In order to be voted upon by the full Legislature and signed by the governor, SB 921 must first win passage in several committees, including health, insurance, judiciary, appropriations, and revenue and tax."

The most important piece of advocacy work you can do at this time is to send letters demonstrating your support for SB 921. Letters from organizations, on their letterhead, are especially needed. The names of organizations who support the bill will be printed in the committee analysis.

Support letters will include your organization's support for SB 921. All lose when billions of dollars are wasted on unnecessary administrative costs. All lose when insurance premiums become unaffordable and benefits are reduced.

Address letters to Sen. Sheila Kuehl, Attention: Sara Rogers, State Capitol, Room 4032, Sacramento, CA 95814; fax 916-324-4823. Kuehl's office will photocopy your letter and distribute it to each committee.

Please send your letter immediately, as SB 921 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Insurance Committee on April 30.

For literature, video or speaker, phone 510-232-1136.

Joan Bartulovich

El Cerrito

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It's our job

The Second Amendment gives us power to protect ourselves. It states: "A

well regulated militia, being necessary for a free state, the right for the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Each household, family and person must always be diligent and realize we are all part of the American militia and if we want to be free we must protect and regulate ourselves.

We have been brainwashed to the extent that we think: Big Brother will take care of us.

The Sept. 11 disaster would never have happened if we realized we are a government "of the people." This means the people on the planes should have realized they were the well-regulated militia and it was their job to fight the terrorists right then and there.

All these knee-jerk rules and regulations that are taking away our liberties are wrong. The government says these rules and regulations are helping us, but they are wrong.

I'm a senior lady of color and my parents taught me that it is our job to protect our family. After 65 years, I still feel the same.

Ella Jensen  
El Cerrito

## Donate locally

Over the last two years, through my own nonprofit organization, ALDO (Aids to Others), I have worked with Opportunity West, which helps children in our high schools. Some have neither a father nor a mother, nor a decent place to stay. All of them have trouble getting to school and/or getting a good education once they get there.

Opportunity West recently opened a facility staffed by adults to help our students and is now opening up another facility to help more youths in need of a decent place to stay, with adult supervision and guidance.

ALDO gets its Charitable Rating Guidelines from the American Institute of Philanthropy, which gives an A, B, C, D or F rating to all nonprofits. Too many nonprofits receive an F rating because they retain much of their charitable gifts for themselves. For example, AmVets, which is supposed to help veterans, always gets a D or F.

I would suggest that we in this area donate to an organization that has already earned our respect — such as the Bay Area Rescue Mission, the GRIP Souper Center and Opportunity West.

I have done volunteer work for all these organizations. I plan to give Opportunity West \$1,000 to support its work with homeless youths and I hope other people and businesses will do the same.

Fred Fogg  
El Cerrito

## Outrageous tax cuts

President Bush's proposed tax cuts for millionaires becomes even more outrageous when I look at how my tax dollars are spent.

Last year, I spent 23 cents of every dollar on the national debt's interest payments, according to the National Priorities Project. The only thing topping that was the military, which took 26 cents — that's before the \$100 billion war in Iraq.

Now Bush's tax cuts, which cost about \$2 trillion over the next decade, will double our debt to \$7 trillion (\$1.9 billion a day) over that same period. And for what?

Some 47 percent of Californians will get zero for all these tax cuts. Meanwhile, the top 1 percent will bring home \$35,900.

While we get nothing in tax relief, we also get less in services. Last year, less than 3 cents went toward education and less than 1 cent for job training. More cuts means less money for basics and more money for those who don't need them.

One thing's certain, Bush's version of "economic stimulus" takes exclusive advantage of millionaires, who will get an average of \$90,000 per year in tax breaks. He leaves the rest of us, and our country, behind.

Eva Bluestone  
El Cerrito

## Tragic irony

I am sickened to hear that the "American" servicewoman killed in Iraq is Hopi. The tragic irony comes to mind.

The Hopi people have lived longer than is now called the United States and any other people. Their tribal nation currently "under siege," as a U.S. company, Peabody Coal, rapidly drains the natural resource — water — from a vast underground aquifer, providing power to light up Las Vegas. Lack of water is causing a loss of crops, livestock and land.

Lori Piestewa, a Hopi woman of mother of a son, 4, and a daughter, 3, is going to Iraq to fight another people of darkness in order for the United States to obtain access to their underground resource, oil.

Relating this irony to a friend, she informs me that the first "American" mother killed in this war was Guatemalan. Another layer of tragedy.

Linea L. Alvarado

## Smart bombs?

How smart is a smart bomb? Can it tell a soldier from a child, woman or a non-citizen?

There are 7 million people living in Baghdad. Hope not too many are smart or dumb, drop there.

Just how smart are those bombs? They can't pass the high school exit exam. I wonder how many Iraqi civilians are killed. Everyone knows there will be collateral damage.

I notice that our troops holding and driving tanks and Bradley armored vehicles all seem to be teenagers, 18 or 19. Some coalition troops are already or will be soon, some by friendly fire.

Will this make more friends or enemies for us? There is a high cost in iteration, not to mention a high cost in lasers, for years to come.

War is hell. So much to think about.

Art Crisler

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# an easy-to-read primer on West Contra Costa school literacy efforts



BETTY KING BUGINAS

Schools

ACHERS, PARENTS and community members had a rare opportunity to talk shop with West Contra Costa Unified District officials: the superintendent, board members, various administrators in things like account staff development, new training, and literacy.

had a chance to listen to Crew, who is a delightaker.

there had been more to there to listen — and their minds — this would been a great event. There sides to this coin. Folks decide that talking schooling for four hours is the best way to spend Saturday morning. And district needs to open up

events like this to more people, and better communicate what is happening there, starting with a more comprehensive name than "literacy stakeholder event."

(As many times as I've heard the term "stakeholder," I still picture someone headed for the grill with some beef. My husband, a fan of vampire stories, envisions something more along the lines of Buffy.)

How about: "We're going to

talk about teaching kids to read and everybody is invited."

I'll tell you as much as I can about what was said, but you really need to insist you're invited next time, and go even if there are some really good garage sales that morning. They need to hear from you at least as much as you need to hear from them.

Superintendent Gloria Johnston opened by acknowledging it is a difficult time in the district because of the budget cuts, and expressing her own anger and sadness at the cuts the district is being forced to make. She also acknowledged that the changes we are undergoing will mean conflict and will not be easy.

But she noted how important it is that we continue to push to

do a better job of teaching children to read. Students get 85 percent of their information from written material, she noted, and many adult issues — unemployment, incarceration, reliance on social services — relate to reading ability.

She said we are beginning in our district to talk about racism — "the institutional racism that goes unnoticed. We're confronting that racism and changing the way we do business."

Johnston said the district has made great strides in the past year in literacy, noting a strong showing among first-graders. "Our youngest students are learning to read, and read well." The district needs to continue to strengthen its efforts for older students, she said.

She urged parents to:

- Find out how well their children read;
- Read with their children daily (if the parents can't read, or can't read in English, they should tell stories);
- Seek help such as after-school or community reading support; and
- Stay committed.

While Crew called on parents and the community to do their part, his most pointed remarks were addressed to educators. Crew, former chancellor of New York City schools, is director of school reform initiatives for the Stupski Foundation, which is supporting West Contra Costa in its reform efforts.

Crew called on teachers to get to know their students bet-

ter. Schools, he said, have not done a good job of meeting the needs of children who don't speak English, of African-American and Hispanic boys, and children with "non-traditional lives" such as children in homeless shelters, foster care and children who have been pulled out of traditional classrooms and "cordoned off" in alternative programs.

"We have to suspend our judgment about the capacity of these children," he said. "I'm so tired of talking about what conditions people are living in. It's not about giving people excuses. It's about giving people skills."

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

## library branches have resources as tax deadline looms



JULIE WINKELSTEIN

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idea of the history of taxes in this country, but since I have always been historically challenged, I went to the United States Treasury Department Web site and there it was: the History of the U.S. Tax System, an 11-page document.

It begins with: "For most of our nation's history, individual taxpayers rarely had any significant contact with Federal tax authorities ..." which goes to show how much has changed.

After that, wars were waged and taxes were levied. Then, in 1781, the Articles of Confederation was adopted and again there was no nationwide tax system, with the national gov-

ernment "relying on donations from the States for its revenue." (I love this idea.) But, alas, in 1789 "the Federal Government was granted the authority to raise taxes."

These included excise taxes (a tax imposed on the sale or use of certain items) imposed on liquor sales "partly to restrain persons in low circumstances from an immoderate use thereof." Excise taxes on alcohol are still an issue today, as I discovered on the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States Web site. There, an illustration shows a \$10.62 bottle of alcohol, with \$5.67 of that amount going to taxes and fees.

And finally, in 1913 the 1040 form was introduced, which brings us to the present.

In case you are still working on that very form, or some version of it, here are some sug-

gestions for help or obtaining forms.

To start with, all Alameda County libraries carry federal and state forms and instructions. For the more unusual ones or if the library has run out of a certain form, there are binders with forms and instructions that can be photocopied.

The Richmond Public Library has state and federal forms, as well as the binders, and Contra Costa County has the state forms and binders. Many librarians also have AARP tax assistance — call your library for more information about this. All of the libraries have links on their websites that will take you to online forms (in case you didn't know, tax forms can be downloaded and printed), useful telephone numbers and great websites. The Librarians' Index to the Internet (LIL.org) has com-

plied an annotated list of sites, including 1040.com, taxtopics.net and taxgaga.com, which has tax and accountant jokes. Tax accountant jokes turn out to be very similar to lawyer jokes, by the way — I recognized several of them. But I still laughed.

**Book review:** This week's book review is from Ronnie and the book is Andre Dubus' novel "House of Sand and Fog". Ronnie says this book is "a tragic and mesmerizing story of two people with claims to the same California house." One word she would use to describe it is "absorbing" and she recommends it because "the characters and issues are complex but it is a fast 'read'."

I can be reached at the Albany Library or at [jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org)

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

### PTA Council

April 21, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AHS Library.

### Albany High School

April 26, Junior-Senior Prom, 8 p.m.-midnight.

### Ocean View Elementary

April 24, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library.

### AUSD Board of Education

April 22, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room.

### AUSD Calendar

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Cheri Huber has been a student and teacher of Zen for 30 years. She is the author of 17 books, including *There Is Nothing Wrong With You, The Fear Book*, *The Depression Book*, and, available in May 2003, *When You're Falling, Dive*. She has been acknowledged as the country's foremost expert on depression and spirituality. Cheri is the founder of a Zen center and a monastery in California. She leads workshops throughout the U.S.

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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611; e-mail to [afields@ccitimes.com](mailto:afields@ccitimes.com) or fax to 510-339-4066.

## Children

■ **Children's Social Skills and Manners** workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9682.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meet Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. Details: Judie, 215-4371.

■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anne at [familyprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:familyprogram@yahoo.com) or 415-789-8560.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

## Classes

■ **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome

and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Wirklestein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** holds a free Sick Plant Clinic on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails your plant. UC Botanical Garden is at 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. For information, call 510-643-2755.

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Hart, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Learn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. Details: 845-8542 or [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

■ **The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130.

■ **The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and telephone number.

■ **A free CopWatch class** takes place Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. Details: 548-0425.

■ **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaripayattu Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

■ **Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6530.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice-Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Hinch Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany,

■ **Dance and Fitness Classes** open all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ **Let's Swing** and jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

■ **SMART project**; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ **Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychotherapy in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

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■ **Richmond Museum of History** continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during World War II. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at Fourth Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7367 for more information or to arrange tours.

■ **El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.30 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2357 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Julie at 215-4371.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for information.

■ **New Pieces** Gallery on Solano Avenue shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth support group** meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neurologic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

■ **What is Meditation**, is a practical introduction to meditation. The free semin

Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 844-8292.

■ **Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ **English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour weekly. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2357 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Julie at 215-4371.

■ **Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

■ **UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, presents a fibers and dyes exhibit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning April 11, and continuing through April 22. See plants—sampled largely from the Garden's collection—used by various cultures for weaving and dying. This is an annual repeating garden exhibit; available for scheduled tours by groups and schools. Free to the general public with garden admission. General admission: \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and \$1 children 3 to 18. For more information, call 510-643-2755.

■ **Artist Judy Stone** exhibits a selection of her enameled artwork in the El Cerrito Library exhibit case throughout the month of April. Stone has been enameling since 1968, has shown her work in fine art galleries and craft fairs in the US and Europe. Her work is shown as part of the El Cerrito Library's "Local Artists" at the Library program. The library is located at 8510 Stockton Ave., in El Cerrito. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

■ **A New Leaf Gallery**, 1286 Gilman St., presents the exhibition "Kinetics" through June 1. Artists include Susan Pascal Beran, Zachary Coffin Bella Feldman, Phil Evans, Jeffery Laudenberger, Moto Otake, Mark Oldland, John Tyler, and Mark White. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 10 to 5 p.m. Details: 510-525-7821 or visit the Web site at [www.sculptureside.com](http://www.sculptureside.com).

■ **UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism**, Center for Photography, presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer Maya Goded, through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Fund Award, is a recent nominee

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■ **El Cerrito Camera Club** every Tuesday evening, at the Northgate Community Center, 1910 Carnegie Library in the Alameda, Berkeley. Slides and prints and learn photography are doing, trips. Details: Don, 510-525-2389, [www.berkeleycameroclub.com](http://www.berkeleycameroclub.com)

■ **Berkeley Richmond Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for information.

■ **Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi take place at Berkeley United at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 9 a.m. Saturday mornings a Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists at 1924 Cedar St. People of all physical conditions are welcome. Practice: Donation: \$6. To

■ **The YWCA** offers free of its Turning Point Career Center. Seminars outline the resources available to the public as well as the things that the center has to offer. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, details call 848-6370.

■ **Learn Computer Applications** "working" world using Windows '98 and Microsoft Office 2000, Word, Excel, Access, Publisher. Class offered: Monday 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: County Office of Education, Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111. For information call 237-0800. Web site at [www.cccos.k12.ca.us](http://www.cccos.k12.ca.us)

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## City hall

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Variety of ways:

Some \$673,000 would be derived from individual projects: for example, the \$100,000 that is to be used for restoration of the Cerrito Creek. These projects would then be paid for with Redevelopment Agency money instead of coming from the general fund.

Various other sources will be used for another \$2.1 million, including Measure A parcel tax money, and \$290,000 that was earmarked for a library design.

Some \$1.1 million would come from the Redevelopment Agency grants and mitigation fees.

That money would be used to pay for the central plaza, its improvements to the fire and police stations, the street in front of city hall and parking.

The remaining \$2 million would be made up in various ways, including having the Redevelopment Agency pay \$1.3 million, borrowing another \$1 million and reducing the city's

general fund balance from 20 to 17 percent of the city's total budget.

Councilmembers had different ideas about how the city should close the \$2 million gap. Mayor Mark Friedman said he wished the city could build a new library and senior center, but favored the plan as presented because it "allows us to do this without going into debt, which is pretty rare these days."

The City Council had made building a new city hall one of its top priorities. The city staff has been working for a year on figuring out where it could be built.

Erected in 1987, the current city hall is in a group of cramped portable trailers that city officials say have outlived their useful life and are a bad representation for the city.

Several residents at the meeting however, strongly objected. They said that juggling the city's finances to pay for the new building — while the state undergoes a budget crisis — could take away money from other important programs, such as creek restoration and street improvements.

"I think they planned it wrong and I think they're jeopardizing some programs to do this right now," said Ross Tobia.

"It's being built on economic quicksand," added Peter Loubal.

There were calls for the city to save its money and later build a civic center complete with a library, historical museum and senior center.

"The El Cerrito Library desperately needs more workspace, more room for children," said Grace MacNeil, chairwoman of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

But it would be difficult if not impossible for the city to raise the estimated \$20 million to \$40 million for a civic center, even during good economic times, City Manager Scott Hanin said.

Few projects would go unfunded to provide for the new city hall, he added. The council will have to decide whether to remove \$150,000 from a Portola field construction project or \$500,000 from street repairs. But in all other cases, he said, the projects the city has earmarked money for will continue.

beginning at 11 a.m. April 12. Storyteller Yolanda Rhodes tells folktales from Africa and the Caribbean. These stories are geared for children in grades K-6. At noon, the Wen Wu School of Martial

Arts in El Cerrito will demonstrate the Shaolin Kung Fu and Dayan Qigong martial arts. At 1 p.m. Connie Chen and Deanne Leong demonstrate the art of Chinese Knotting. 510-528-7512.

## CALENDAR

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place at Barnes &amp; Noble Booksellers, 235 Shattuck Ave. 644-0861.

## Literary Events

■ California Writers Club Berkeley Branch presents Trina Robbins, artist from underground comics, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19, at the Rockridge Library, 5366 College Ave. Robbins, the first woman to draw for "Wonder Woman" comics, is a writer and artist of graphic novels, children's fiction, historical fiction, and, more recently, "Tender Murders," "The Great Women Cartoonists," and "The Great Women Superheroes." Free. Bring your lunch. 510-482-0265 or writefox@aol.com.

■ Berkeley Public Library's Teen Playreaders present a multilingual poetry reading in honor of National Poetry Month at 2 p.m. April 19, at the North Branch, 1170 The Alameda, at Hopkins. The Playreaders, who range from 13-18, perform, recite and read from the works of Rumi, Charles Baudelaire, Billy Collins, Edward Gorey, and many others. For details, call 510-981-6250.

■ El Cerrito Library, 8510 Stockton Ave., celebrates National Library Week

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## Schools &amp; Camps

## Schools and Camps Checklist

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## Clothing

Send one change of clothes for every day your child is at camp, excluding the first. (If you have a boy, in all likelihood upon his return, half of his clothes will still be clean.)

Send plenty of tee shirts.

Pajamas that will neither draw nor require much attention. Often a sweatshirt works well.

Send along one extra pair of comfortable walking shoes. Make sure they've been worn many times before, yet still fit. Shoes require neither flashing lights nor superstar endorsements.

A baseball cap to protect your child from the sun and elements. If the cap has sentimental or material value, write your child's name on the inside rim using a permanent marker.

Shorts that fit properly and dry rapidly.

At least one pair of durable long pants. This is especially important in areas where there may

be ticks, if your child is susceptible to sunburn, or if horseback riding is available.

• Layers of clothing for cold nights or days. Usually children are either too hot or too cold in a heavy jacket and feel their movement restricted. A couple of sweaters and sweatshirts and a windbreaker should work.

• Bandanas are useful as sweatbands, handkerchiefs and a zillion other purposes.

## Other gear and supplies

- A flashlight with new batteries and an extra set. You might as well spend two extra bucks and get the good kind. Make sure the flashlight works before you send it.
- Lip balm and sunscreen. Avoid scented products that might attract bees, bugs, or serve as a stand-in for lunch.
- Insect repellent. Check warning labels before buying.

- Dr. Scholl's foot patches or small Band-Aids in case your child gets a blister on his or her feet.
- A small, sample bottle of unscented, water-soluble skin lotion.
- A portable water container. Avoid imported plastic products.
- If you send your child's stuff in a duffle bag, make certain it is water resistant. Backpacks are often damaged in transit.
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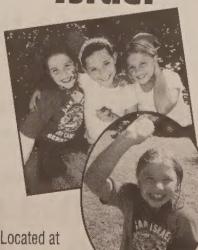
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## Cal Day: informative fun

UC Berkeley's annual open house Saturday, April 12, is expected to draw 30,000 visitors to activities all over campus.

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Highlights include a reading by former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass, a lecture by Nobel laureate economist George Akerlof, a display of original Mark Twain manuscripts and a 2003 Golden Bears football scrimmagem.

"Cal Day is always great fun and for us, it is a wonderful opportunity to share the richness of our campus with the public," said Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl. "We encourage everyone to join us on Cal Day and experience first-hand why Californians can be justifiably proud of their extraordinary system of public higher education."

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cal

Day offers a chance to view campus museums, where admission is free for the day, and laboratories, many of which are usually open only to researchers.

"You'd never be able to see or do a lot of this otherwise," said Diana Musto, Cal Day coordinator.

Prospective college students can drop by Dwinelle Plaza for the all-day "Kindergarten to College" resource fair, organized to help students and their families prepare for college.

Motorized cable cars will travel around campus offering 30-minute tours with student guides pointing out highlights and telling history. Visitors will be able to hop off to explore places along the way, including campus museums.

A full-size cast of a Tyrannosaurus Rex will be on display at the Museum of Paleontology. Campus libraries offer original Mark Twain manuscripts and rare footage of Twain himself in

an event hosted by experts from the Mark Twain Project.

Sports events include skateboarding clinics and wall climbs, as well as the 11 a.m. football scrimmage at Memorial Stadium. Consult the following calendar for additional events.

### CAL DAY EVENTS

#### 8:30-to 9:30 a.m.

■ Newly admitted students are invited to meet Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl at the New Student Information Session at Haas Pavilion. Information sessions will also be held on academic programs, financial aid, housing and other campus services.

#### 9 a.m.-to 2 p.m.

■ RecFest! Experience the fun of Cal Recreation with sports clubs and gymnasiums demonstrations, a fencing demonstration, skateboarding clinics and sports challenges for all ages. Music, program information and a drawing for great prizes. Dana Court, Spieker Plaza.

#### 9 a.m.-to 3 p.m.

■ The Natural History of Eucalyptus in California, or Why Are the Bluegum Trees on Campus So Big?

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■ Fun with Fossils. Experience the thrill of finding fossils of animals millions of years old in this hands-on activity. You may discover Cretaceous microfossils, gar scales, turtle shells, even dinosaur teeth! 3007 Valley Life Sciences Building.

#### 9 a.m.-to 4 p.m.

■ Critics, Creepers, and Crawlers. Discover animal diversity at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. Introduce yourself to a silvery snake or shy, fury tuco. Researchers, students, and staff will present a wide variety of exhibits and displays. Go behind the scenes and view research collections normally closed to the public. Experts will answer visitors' questions. 3101 Valley Life Sciences Building.

#### 9 a.m.-to 5 p.m.

■ Then and Now: Students Photograph the Berkeley Campus. A selection of historical and contemporary photographs of the Berkeley campus, as created by students, examines the evolution of campus life. Jack Von Euw, curator of the Pictorial Collection, The Bancroft Library.

#### 10-to 11 a.m.

■ Is Anybody Out There? Learn how astronomers are searching for extraterrestrial civilizations with help from four million SETI@home volunteers.

teers. You can also hear about the latest planetary research at the Space Sciences Laboratory. Dr. Dan Werthimer, director, SETI Project, 1 Piemont Hall.

#### 10 a.m.-to 12 p.m.

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#### 10 a.m.-to 2 p.m.

■ Robotic Racing Cars. Vroom! Student-made vehicles race a 100-meter course under computer control, avoiding obstacles and staying on a track. Professor Ron Fearing and students, 240 Cory Hall.

#### 10 a.m.-to 3 p.m.

■ Microscopic Robots. Small is beautiful in the Berkeley Sensor and Actuator Center. See a microscopic robot, motors and sensors that fit on the head of a pin, tiny "smart dust" wireless sensors and a 2-mm-high model of the Campanile. Professor Kris Pister and graduate student Sarah Bergbreiter, 400 Cory Hall.

for automated vehicles. Professor Karl Hedrick, Haas Hall, parking by main doors.

■ You Are What You Eat. What happens after you chew and swallow food? What kinds of foods keep healthy and strong? Undergraduate Nutritional Sciences students will show kids how to make food choices. Undergraduate Dietetic Association, 120 Morgan Hall.

■ Living in a Seismically Active Region: Earthquake Preparedness Safety. It's earth-shaking! Check out the miniature earthquake simulator and get tips on safety and preparedness. Earthquake Engineering Research Center, Bechtel Engineering Center, Garbarini Lounge.

#### 10 a.m.-to 4 p.m.

■ Engineering Student Vehicles. Move over, Detroit. See the latest student design and engineering. Berkeley's solar car, a human-powered vehicle, and the racy concave canoe. Memorial Glade east.

■ The 11th Annual Celebration of Children's Literature. Author and illustrator appearances and book signings will feature National Book Award winner Nancy Farmer and author/illustrator Ruth Heller. Also appearing will be writers Ann Arnold, Rem

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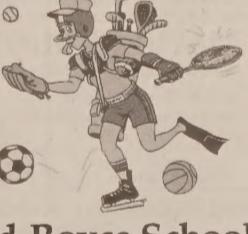
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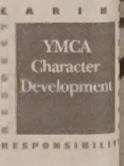
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## Rescue

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window and saw smoke."

He called 911 and a group of neighbors helped to get Mendoza's animals, including her birds and two dogs, out of the burning home. Mendoza was panicked, her hair singed and skin slightly burned.

The day after the fire, neighbors gathered to brainstorm about what they could do for Mendoza. They had flyers made and collected \$2,000 in cash plus clothes and furnishings for her home, including drapes, a queen-size bed, a refrigerator, carpet, cabinets and sheet rock. Students and parents at Marin Elementary School collected clothes, diapers and money.

"There was a neighbor who didn't even know Lupe who contributed \$300," said Wagg.

Volunteers have been reconstructing Mendoza's home through the nonprofit organization Rebuilding Together and will continue until the project's scheduled May 8 completion date.

"It made me feel happy and proud to be part of the neighborhood," said Weber. "It made me feel if something happened here I wouldn't feel completely alone, and with all that's happening in the world, we're making good news."

On a recent sunny Saturday, more than a dozen people were working on the home. They including two journeymen and four apprentices from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 595 from Pleasanton rewiring the home, and volunteers helping to demolish what was left of the kitchen and an outdoor shed, to make way for a new infrastructure, furniture and appliances.

Dana Milner, the president-elect of the Albany Rotary Club and Bruce Dixon, the first vice-president of the Albany Lions

Club, are overseeing the project. "It's a real coming together of community and neighbors, and that's what this program is all about — neighbors helping neighbors — and you can see it in action right here," said Milner.

"I feel very good, you know, it's making me excited," said Mendoza, who has been staying with a neighbor across the street from her home for several weeks. "Everybody on this block is very good to me."

Mendoza is originally from La Conchal de Baje, Mexico, and moved to the Bay Area in 1964. She and her husband, Roy Mendoza, opened the Monterey Mexican restaurant on Gilman Street in Berkeley in 1983 and after 12 years, were kicked out of the building to make way for a pizza parlor. Mendoza moved the restaurant to the corner of Solano and Santa Fe avenues, and closed it in 1996. She moved to Albany in 1984, and her husband died of stomach cancer two years later.

Scheduled to take a total of about eight working days, Mendoza's home is the biggest project of the Albany-Berkeley-Emeryville chapter of Rebuilding Together, which is rebuilding 29 homes and 10 nonprofit facilities in the area.

The organization, formerly called Christmas in April, was started in Midland, Texas, in 1972 and now has 255 different affiliates throughout the country, with 14 in the Bay Area. It helps the elderly and low-income residents and nonprofit groups, said Rachel Trachten, the director of the local Rebuilding Together affiliate.

"I think Mrs. Mendoza is a popular and well-known person in the community," Trachten added. "She used to own a restaurant so there really has been an outpouring of people coming to help."

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the future long-term health of the city rather than to react."

The city did formal surveys in 1988, 1991 and 1992 and 1996. It likes to periodically see what priorities residents have for spending money. Hanin said. In addition, it fulfills an objective of the City Council to do further outreach to residents.

At its April 7 meeting, by a 4-0 vote, the City Council authorized spending up to \$48,466 for the services of Godre Research & Analysis to conduct the surveys. The firm uses focus groups, telephone surveys and interviews with key city stakeholders for its research.

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## Survey

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city hall because of the expense.

Hanin noted that the city is operating under a balanced budget and is scheduled to do so through fiscal year 2004.

But city costs will increase, including retirement and medical benefits and insurance premiums and possible salary hikes related to new fire and police bargaining agreements in 2004 and 2006. That, combined with the state potentially taking money away, will make it more difficult to balance future budgets, as expenses are likely to outpace the city's revenues.

According to a city report, "the underlying reason for doing this research now is to plan for

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## Vote on Cerrito Theater lease set May 5

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Redevelopment Agency will decide May 5 whether Speakeasy Theaters, the owner of the Parkway Theater in Oakland, will operate the Cerrito Theater.

The Redevelopment Agency, which owns the Cerrito Theater, has been negotiating a lease with Kyle and Catherine Fischer, the owners of Speakeasy. At its Monday meeting, the City Council,

acting as the Redevelopment Agency, agreed to move forward with a tentative lease that could be finalized May 5.

The Redevelopment Agency also will approve a development agreement which spells out how much each party will contribute to the theater's renovation.

"It's a long-term lease at a market-rate rent," said redevelopment manager Lori Trevino. "The idea is that we're wanting to make sure that we're not giving

ing a gift to the Fischers unnecessarily."

Under the tentative agreement, Speakeasy would lease the theater for 25 years with a monthly \$10,000 minimum rent.

The redevelopment agency purchased the Cerrito Theater last June for more than \$500,000 after residents lobbied to restore the 1930s-era movie house. Many residents view the building as a significant city landmark.

The Parkway Theater serves

## Voters

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to get residents' views on waterfront development, said Albany community development director Ann Chaney.

About 120 people attended the first meeting in January, and about 100 came to the second meeting on April 3.

At that meeting, one group reported that they were in favor of a ferry at the foot of Gilman Street but were concerned about parking.

Another group wanted to see parking placed under the Interstate 80-580 interchange, and another group reported that they wanted other uses for the track, such as a skateboard park or golf course.

But the majority of groups reported that they wanted the waterfront as a natural area with recreational uses, to connect the

Bay Trail and to have some limited commercial development, hidden from the shoreline, as well.

"I personally see a small-scale, compact-density, mixed-use development concentrated at a transit connection, i.e. a ferry," said Albany resident David Arkin. "Most likely that's at the foot of Gilman Street."

Albany Councilman Allan Maris said a restaurant or hotel could open up the waterfront to more people, but he also wants to see the shoreline preserved as much as possible.

"I think the way the waterfront is shut off from the city now is a real shame," Maris said. "But I want a peaceful place for people to enjoy and I don't want big development with more cars and traffic."

The Sierra Club and the Citizens for Eastshore State Park are against any development, because of Maris's intention to keep the racetrack where it is.

## Tai chi

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transfer over to their career and personal lives.

Richmond resident Bruce Pao said he's been practicing for 10 years and favors it over coffee to get energized in the morning.

"I come here on Sundays. To me it's like a church," said Pao, a 55-year-old architect. "It's a meditative thing, it's centering, it's a great way to start the week."

After moving to the Bay Area from Taiwan, Yun Chun Chiang and his wife Hui Lui opened the Wen Wu school 30 years ago and moved to El Cerrito in 1985.

Chiang helped successfully lobby the state to begin certifying Chinese medicine practitioners. That lead to the Chung Hua clinic opening within the school in 1976.

The school has grown to 12 affiliates in 11 states. In El Cerrito, there are 22 teachers and there have been more than 5,000 students. Teachers from the Wen Wu school also teach qigong and tai chi at hospitals and colleges throughout the Bay Area.

Erlene Chiang, the daughter of the now-retired founders, said the school's message is one of peace and self-healing. Students and teachers become friends and take care of each other, she said.

"We're really like brothers and sisters, we're really like family," said Chiang, who is also a doc-

tor at the Chung Hua clinic.

Tai chi and qigong practice sessions will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 12 at Cerrito Vista Park, as part of the "World Tai Chi and Qigong Day," intended to promote world health and inner peace. The public is invited to participate or just watch.

That will be followed by a meditation for world peace from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wen Wu School, 10124 San Pablo at Central avenues. Tea will be served at 11:30 followed by a one-hour meditation.

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beer and food and have chairs, couches and loveseats addition to standard movie seating. Speakeasy is likely to operate a one-on-screen Cerrito Theater in a similar way.

If all goes as planned, the development agency will choose a contractor and begin renovations could begin later, Trevino said.

"The best case scenario, yes, we can start construction early next year," she said.

Provided the racetrack moved, the Sierra Club and Eastshore Park group have proposed limiting development to 325,000 square feet, which members say would generate \$10 million in annual sales tax revenue twice what the racetrack now for the city, members said.

Results of the second vote will go into "alternative plans" that will be presented to residents later this year. There will be one or two more meetings which are being run by consultants MIG, a Berkeley and planning firm.

The city began holding meetings independently of the Magna plan, Chaney said. The idea is simply to find out what residents want to see on the front.

"This is a city of Albany's decision process," Chaney said. "We're simply wanting to know the question of the folks here your vision for Golden Fields?"

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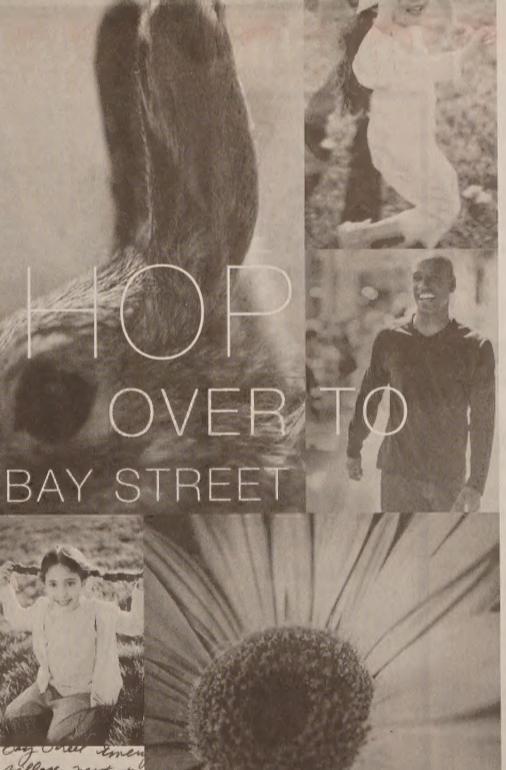
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Section B

## When to trade up

consider both  
actions involved  
in making your move  
UMAN NEWS FEATURES  
o-bedroom, one-bath  
ome may work well for a  
erson. But, add a partner  
ouple of children to the  
and you can easily justify  
a three- or four-bedroom,  
ome. Most first-time  
ultimately become trade-  
ers as their lifestyle

trade-up move is more common  
than buying a first home.  
There are two transactions in  
rather than one. However,  
of coming up with  
payment, which stymies  
last-time buyers, may not be  
issue for a trade-up buyer.  
ome homeowners have seen  
of their homes increase  
lately through home price  
ation. In some places,  
ices have doubled in  
or six years.

It's say that you bought your  
for \$300,000 six years ago  
0,000 down and a  
mortgage. Today you  
your home for  
00. Your equity is equal to  
00 minus the costs of sell-  
ome. When this equity is  
to cash, you'll be able  
a sizable down payment  
ore expensive home.  
e trade-up buyers have  
nt savings to buy a new

home without having to tap the  
equity in their current home. But,  
for most trade-up buyers, the  
biggest dilemma involves how to  
convert this equity into cash.

There are several options. You  
can sell your home before you  
buy a new one. The advantage of  
this approach is that you know  
precisely how much money you  
have to work with. The disadvan-  
tage is that you may have to  
move into a rental if you can't find  
a home to buy in time.

Another option is to borrow  
against the equity in your current  
home, and sell that home after  
you find a home to buy. This way  
you avoid having to make an in-  
terim move. But if the market  
changes in between the time you  
buy the new home and sell the  
old one, you could sell for less  
than you anticipated.

You might try to avoid the pit-  
falls of the above approaches by  
buying the new home contingent on  
the sale of the old home. How-  
ever, to do this, you must find a  
seller who will accept a contingent  
sale offer. Contingent sale  
offers are virtually non-existent in  
active real estate markets where  
buyer demand is high.

Deciding on which approach to  
use will depend on current  
market conditions in your area,  
on your personal financial situation  
and on your tolerance for  
risk. Consult with your real estate  
agent and financial advisor before  
making a decision.



DIAN HYMER  
House Hunting

**HOUSE HUNTING TIP:** Recent home price appreciation combined with record-low interest rates makes this a particularly good time to make a trade-up move. A trade-up move often involves a larger mortgage than you carried on your starter home. Low interest rates make it possible to qualify for a larger mortgage.

Thirty-year fixed rate loans are available in the low 5 to 6 percent range. Much lower rates are available on mortgages that are fixed for five years. But, as attractive as these loans might be, consider that you might be faced with refinancing in five years at a rate that's significantly higher than today's rate.

**THE CLOSING:** In some markets, like the San Francisco Bay Area, home prices have softened on more expensive properties, but have remained strong on lower-priced properties. It's in these markets that trade-up buyers have a distinct advantage. There may be high demand for the less expensive home you're selling and less competition for the more expensive home you want to buy.

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### Real Estate Spotlight:

## Historic John Hudson Thomas home in Berkeley



THIS MAGNIFICENT JOHN HUDSON THOMAS HOME at 1104 Keith Ave., Berkeley, was built in 1913 for Arthur and Julia Weiss in the Cragmont Tract of Alameda County before it was annexed to Berkeley. Dr. Weiss, who had a doctorate in Musicology, was principal cellist with the San Francisco Symphony for 30 years. The home became an integral part of the music scene when world-renowned visiting conductors were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Weiss. This home has had only two owners, the present owner having lived there since 1964.

The property consists of two houses on two separate lots. Together they form one continuous Japanese garden on almost one-third of an acre. The garden was created by the same landscape architects who designed the gardens of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, with a waterfall, streams, bridges, meandering paths, stepping stones, dwarf cypress, maple, and cherry trees, and a tea house. Japanese-style gates and fences enclose the property. The garden was featured in Life magazine in the mid-1930s.

The main house is approximately 6,000 square feet with panoramic bay views. The sun porch was enclosed by Maybeck in 1935 with his signature windows and doors. A magnificent 20-foot front hedge provides absolute privacy.

Price: \$2,500,000 Agent: Mary Hanna, Century 21 Heritage, 510-339-8900, ext. 253, [mhanna@heritagerealestate.com](mailto:mhanna@heritagerealestate.com)

credit line is the bargain you  
be-  
lieve it to be.

Q: I have a question on mea-  
suring a two-story house. If a  
house has a high ceiling all the  
way to the second-floor ceiling  
over the living room, how is the  
square feet calculated in this  
case? Is the lower floor mea-  
sured and then doubled to get

the total or is the square feet of  
the living room subtracted be-  
cause there is no floor space  
above the living room? A house  
with 1,000 square feet on the  
first floor could be a 2,000-  
square-foot house or 1,700  
square feet for a 15 by 20 living  
room. Which is correct?

A: Unfortunately, there is no

standard method for measuring a  
home's square footage. The sim-  
plest approach is to measure a  
home's exterior. This method,  
however, will yield more square  
feet than the sum of square feet  
for all interior measurements.  
Vaulted ceilings are counted by

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## Take care refinancing with lines of credit

BY GEORGE KARVEL  
KNIGHT RIDDER

We have a question  
regarding paying  
off our current 6.8  
mortgage with a balance  
of \$19,78 over the next five  
years with our equity line of  
which also has about five  
and a zero balance at pre-  
the current variable rate is  
4.8 percent.

We can't see any downside  
to paying off the mortgage with  
the line of credit and then treat-  
ing the line of credit as our first  
mortgage without paying any  
refinance charges, etc. Are we  
missing something?

A: There are two potential  
problems with your strategy of  
using a personal line of credit to  
pay off your mortgage. First, a  
line of credit is not a mortgage

and only mortgage interest is tax  
deductible. The IRS will likely  
frown on treating a nonmortgage  
as a mortgage in order to claim a  
tax deduction.

Second, over the next five  
years it is highly probable that in-  
terest rates will rise, in all likeli-  
hood to more than your current  
6.875 percent mortgage loan.  
Consequently, I do not believe  
that a 4.81 percent, variable-rate

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## Questions

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some at one-half the square feet of the area below, by others not counted at all and by yet others at the full amount of the area below. Take your choice.

One thing does appear certain, however. No two people will come up with the same measurement. After seeing a home, if the reported square feet is of great importance, a buyer or tenant should measure it themselves.

**Q:** I contacted Quicken Loans last Oct. 1 about (refinancing) on my house. The company's representative told me I could download the necessary documents and return them, and the process would take about two weeks. After four weeks and several attempts to contact him I found he had left the company and shelved my documents. Finally I made contact with another rep. This delay caused a discrepancy in the original fair disclosure that I received. The rep told me as of Dec. 1 that the government mandated an additional fee. The original disclosure called for .125 points for a nonescrow account. The papers that arrived one hour before signing included .625 points because of the government fees. Who can I file a complaint with?

**A:** If mortgage loan officers are licensed in your state, you could file a complaint with the appropriate licensing authority. Additionally you could file complaints with the Attorney General's Office and/or the Better Business Bureau. You should also present the facts to an attorney in the event you may be able to bring a civil action for fraud or damages. I'm

not sure, however, that anything has occurred inappropriately other than a failure to inform you of a change in fees charged for nonescrow accounts.

**Q:** You mention many times in your column implementing a tax-advantaged strategy for rental property before you sell the property. I currently own a four-family rental unit. I do not reside at the property. What steps should I be taking before selling the property?

**A:** The reason I tell everyone to plan their tax strategy before they sell property is that it is too late to do after the sale — the only option left is to pay your taxes.

The sale of real property has two types of tax-advantaged sales strategies. One is an installment sale. Properly structured, the seller is allowed to defer payment of taxes on gains until the money is received. This method requires the seller to provide financing to the buyer.

The second method is a tax-free exchange. This is essentially a trade of one property for another that allows deferral of taxable gains and taxes until the property received in trade is sold.

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## The art (and craft) of pricing a house

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Much of our time lately has been taken up with trying to figure how much certain houses may sell for. The value of a given house depends, of course, on quite a number of factors, and figuring out what that might be is not an exact science, but rather, a guesstimate.

We think, and we search for similar sales to find the highest potential price. We are careful not to go too high because over-priced houses, even today, languish on the market. They frequently require price reductions, and sell, experience indicates, for less than they had been priced properly at the beginning.

We've also found, although it is sometimes unavoidable, that if we estimate value between, say, \$550,000 and \$575,000, human nature being what it is, the owner will lock into his higher number. He will be terribly disappointed if that price turns out to be wrong.

Our first step after seeing a house is to talk together about the strengths and weaknesses of that house. The location will likely be the most important factor in the price it will bring. But size and style, condition, appeal to the greatest number of buyers must be figured into the equation as well.

To make matters more complicated, it is often the case that owners intend to make improvements before selling. As the work has not yet been done, we don't know what the end result will be, yet we must take into account that the floors will be refinished, the entire interior repainted, or the garden redone.

Our conversation after we leave a house after seeing it for the first time might go something like this: "The location couldn't be better. Great block close to good coffee, freeways, restaurants. And it's 'cute' — stylish, warm, pretty windows. The third bedroom is quite small but it is a real bed-

room with a closet, and the kitchen, while not glitzy, is inviting and clean. Indoor-outdoor access is good too. The yard needs some work. Maybe we should suggest that the floor in the main bathroom be replaced; it looks pretty bad. But we should get some reports first." And so forth.

Now we go to the multiple listing computer to look at sale prices in the area, also other houses nearby that are currently for sale. Although we have probably seen most or all of these as they came up on the market, we want to remind ourselves of them, how large they were, how well they "showed," and what the listing and sales prices were.

It is easier to price some houses than others. Houses on very large lots, those with only one bedroom, or no heat, houses that were built at the top of a long flight of stairs, or ones in very poor condition are more difficult to price. Any house that has something different about it, something we'll have trouble comparing to other houses, whether considered an asset or a detriment, can be hard to value.

After pulling from the multiple listing houses that seem similar in size, style, condition or location (few may be truly like the one we're working on), we sit down and study the individual sheets.

We make notes: "Lot larger, bay view, did not show well." Or, "About the same size, but interior dated and it took a long time to sell."

Sometimes, after hours of doing this, we are still unsure about the right pricing. We search our

memories for other houses, call agent friends to ask about listings we haven't been able to find on the computer, go back further in time for older sales that we would prefer to consider.

We may have to give the owners of a house more than one price. We may say that we think the price for the house as it is right now will be X, but if, after inspections tell us more, and if certain work is done on the house, the price could be Y.

It is almost always true that

houses can be sold the way they are, that no changes must be made in order to sell. But to receive the highest price in the shortest amount of time, often it makes sense to spend time and money to update, improve, show the house in its best light. The trick is to figure out which items should be attended to, which will bring the highest return for money and effort spent.

Recently we were invited by the owners of a house in a most desirable location to tell them what we thought their house would sell for if they decide to move in the next six months. It is a lovely house, full of most attractive details, including a knock-out kitchen.

We found it so desirable, that surprisingly (this doesn't happen often), we couldn't come up with a single suggestion for improving it. After a lot of research and thought, we wrote a letter to the owners describing sales we felt gave the most current information



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about their house and its estimate of its present value.

The day after we made our letter, we learned that a sale on another house, the same size and style, located within two blocks, had closed escrow. The neighboring house had felt, listed in approximately "right" range. We were to learn that the actual sale was \$150,000 over asking, higher than other similar houses sold for.

What could possibly explain this price? It may be that this sale is an outlier. How do we factor this into our values? We called the sellers to give them the answer.

We said we certainly hope that their house is more than any of us thought.

In this case, we have seen what will happen in the neighborhood as other houses are offered for sale. Depending on the future, we can adjust our listing price. But even if we don't have the luxury of time, it is the case that buyers will mine value. Given appropriate exposure, houses sell for what someone is willing to pay.

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## Cashman, Lin open Berkeley office

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Keller Williams Realty Golden Gate office has opened for business at 1512 A Walnut St. in Berkeley. Broker Margaret Lin is the office's operating partner and John Cashman, CRB is the broker of record.

As new owners, Margaret and John have a combined 38 years of real estate experience. They welcome you to stop by and visit their 1910 Victorian next to the original Peets at Walnut Square. "We are dedicated to the real estate mission," said Margaret.

"We are on a mission to find great individuals and use the Keller Williams system to launch them to their highest potential." John is past president of the Alameda Association of Realtors and serves on the BAR board of directors. He is the past regional

chair for the California Association of Realtors.

Margaret received her real estate license at age 23 after attending UC Berkeley. She later co-owned and managed a small business in San Francisco and received her BS in small business management from San Francisco State. She is a second-generation Realtor who speaks Mandarin and Taiwanese as well as translates simultaneously.

Margaret has over 25 years of real estate management, consulting and training experience. She brings this experience and expertise to the board of directors at Keller Williams Golden Gate.

"We hope to bring excellence in service through Keller Williams to the real estate professional community here in Berkeley," said Cashman.

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**What is the best day to close a loan? depends.**

BY ROBERT J. BRUSS

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Dear Bob: We are looking into financing. Several months ago we wrote that certain days of the month are better for closing than others. What were those dates again? Also, you often write about all the junk fees try to incorporate into their costs. You weren't kidding! I've shopped around, and several lender junk fee seems to be a processing fee of anywhere between \$200 and \$500. Is there any way to avoid junk fees? — Becky H.

Dear Becky: The best day to close a home purchase or a refi mortgage is the last business day of the month, unless it is a Monday or the day after a holiday. Then you should close the prior business day so you can pay interest for days when you don't use the money. Closing borrowers usually pay the mortgage interest to the end of the current month. Most borrowers want to make this interest payment as small as possible, so closing late in the month is advantageous. For example, if you close on Feb. 28, you'll only have to pay interest to the end of the month. Since mortgage interest is in arrears, your first

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**AT THE CELEBRATION:**  
Margaret Lin, far left, takes a moment with her partner, John Cashman, and board member Marian Jean during the festivities at their new office. Lin and Cashman recently opened a Keller Williams Realty office in Berkeley. Broker Margaret Lin is the office's operating partner and John Cashman, CRB is the broker of record. Marian Jean serves on the board of directors.

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**LAUNCHING A CAREER**  
Prudential Realtor Anthony Riggins and his broker, Marlene Daniels Bottorff, enjoy the festivities at Riggins' home. The sketch of the home, far left, he shares with his partner, Dr. Lee Hambrick, has a story all its own.

## Prudential Realtor Anthony Riggins launches his career with style

■ Promises to bring a sense of history back to the neighborhood

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Prudential California Realtor Anthony Riggins recently hosted over 200 neighbors and friends at his home in Crocker Highlands to launch his new career with the Piedmont office. He has launched many products for the enterprise technology world as a vice president for a number of software companies over the past 10 years. Riggins has now returned to his first career — that of real estate — where often, there is more to the "product" than the house being bought or sold.

While many buyers and sellers view the home as the "product," indeed, a key aspect to the whole product is the Realtor. Riggins — with his commitment to providing every client with caring and knowledgeable personal services — along with the home is key to a successful transaction.

### A personal touch

Prior to high-tech sales leadership, Riggins served as vice-president of commercial lending for two national banks in northern California and Texas. This followed his initial career as a top Houston real estate producer. With his personal touch, which no doubt will become a hallmark of the service he provides to clients, Riggins hand delivered invitations to his neighbors. The high touch approach resulted in a successful turnout of neighbors who came to eat, drink and celebrate Anthony as their newest neighborhood Realtor.

The launch party was a way to introduce not only his business background to his neighbors, but also his skills in presentation and selling.

Riggins attributes his successful launch party to several factors. First and foremost, notes Riggins, who has lived in Crocker Highlands for the last 13 years, you have to know a lot of neighbors. "Walking two miniature schnauzers around the block three times a day, hosting many neighborhood dinners, and socializing at other neighbors' homes, results in knowing a lot of residents."

### Special delivery

Second, his partner, Dr. Lee Hambrick, is an obstetrician-gynecologist at Summit and Alta Bates hospitals and has delivered at least 30 babies in the neighborhood.

"Together we know a lot of our neighbors, and it helps to live in such a friendly community." In addition to working with existing homeowners in Crocker Highlands and the surrounding neighbors who will be selling their homes, Riggins also will provide real estate services to those neighbors with children who have plans to move to Piedmont to take advantage of enrolling their children in the Piedmont public schools.

"One of the reasons I chose the Piedmont office for Prudential California Realty is so I can work with my neighbors who are looking to enroll their children in a school district such as Piedmont's," he says.

"As much as we hate to lose good neighbors in Crocker Highlands, we do want them to stay

nearby so we can keep a social relationship with them."

Working in Piedmont adds to Riggins' overall knowledge base and keeps him best informed as to the current market conditions. This allows him to inform his Oakland hills clients as quickly as possible when their type of Piedmont home is coming to the market. However, staying focused on bringing buyers and sellers together in Crocker Highlands and neighboring communities is Riggins' overall priority.

### A very special setting

The setting for the launch party was at Anthony's home at 971 Grosvenor Place. The home is one of Crocker Highlands' premier Spanish Mediterranean homes built in 1929 for day-to-day comfort and for entertaining large gatherings.

Upon entering the home, you encounter a large foyer with options to go into the den, dining room or dramatic living room. The walk down living room is 15 x 25 feet and has 14-foot-long wood-beamed ceilings.

The huge picture window showcases one of the largest Christmas trees in the neighborhood during the holidays.

Many of Crocker Highlands' residents belong to Lakeshore Home's Association formed in 1917, which is the second oldest homeowners association west of the Mississippi. Across the bay in San Francisco, St. Francis Wood boasts the oldest homeowners association; it filed its articles of incorporation five years earlier, in 1912.

The Lakeshore Homes Association's primary objective was

"to preserve and increase the wonderful natural beauty of the property. Secondly, the purchaser of the lots would be secure in the feeling that his home can never be damaged by any unsightly or undesirable structure upon adjacent property or in any section of the tract," as noted in the original articles of incorporation. Those objectives are still honored and prioritized that way today. Lakeshore Highlands, as it was called in 1917, was created by Oakland developer Walter H. Leimert.

This neighborhood was developed and promoted as "the best example of modern scientific home-park developing. Nothing approaching it in attractiveness or in natural beauty ever has or will be offered to the seeker of ideal home conditions in the Bay Region," said an advertisement in The San Francisco Chronicle in 1917. To add further credibility to the obvious beauty of Lakeshore Highlands, Leimert hired the Olmsted brothers from Boston, the premier landscape architects of the time. Their father, Frederick Law Olmsted, designed Oakland's Mountain View Cemetery.

### Romance from the start

The original homeowners in 1929 had a romantic beginning in the home, which, regrettably, was quickly followed with an economically tragic ending. As a Valentine's gift for his spouse in 1929, Harriet Norman Bennett took out the deed for the construction of the home.

Norman spent \$8,000 for the home — a lot of money in 1929. It was the most money paid for

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the construction of a Lakeshore Highlands home in 1929 and 1930. The average cost for the homes in 1929 and 1930 was between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

He hired architect W. W. Dixon to construct a Spanish Mediterranean home for his wife. In the 1920s, Dixon was a master of the prevalent Period Revival school of design as it was applied to small houses. Dixon advocated the "little features that suggest and give the character and feeling of the larger, more expensive home." Dixon was the architect of over 300 homes in Crocker Highlands, Piedmont, Glenview, Rockridge and in St. Francis Wood.

He shied away from the boxy designs of homes popular in San Francisco. He traveled extensively in Europe and specialized in residential home designs of Spanish, Italian, Norman and Swiss chalet types. In the end, Norman was delivered a home of his dreams.

However, he could not have predicted the effects the disastrous 1929 stock market crash would have: Bennett earned his livelihood as a stockbroker.

Norman and Harriet Bennett spent a couple of years in the new home, but no records exist for them in Alameda County until 1931. One can only imagine what happened to them as a result of having been a stockbroker at the time of the stock market crash while carrying a mortgage.

Riggins relates his life in Crocker Highlands to the life of his home's architect, W. W. Dixon. Dixon took special interest in his home to create a romantic feel for the newly married Bennett, adding special touches throughout. He also lived in this neighborhood and took great care in improving this section of the Oakland hills.

Riggins and Hambrick have spent extreme care so as not to make any architectural changes. Instead they've enhanced the home with antique furnishings and updated landscaping and a coat of paint. "W. W. Dixon was a great booster of Piedmont, Glenview and Rockridge," says Riggins.

"I have always been a great promoter of this part of the Bay Area — it's just now I get to do this as a profession."

## Repeat after me, Dorothy: There's no place like home for tax deduction

BY KIM MARTIE

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Individual retirement accounts are great. Charitable donations are indeed admirable. And the standard deduction is one of as far as it goes. But when it comes to saving money on your taxes, there's really no place like home.

As the dreaded April 15 tax deadline approaches, most Cali-

than their rent given the rising cost of living

As a real estate expert, I don't profess to be a tax expert. I always recommend my clients seek advice from their CPA or other tax professional. But as a rule, I can tell you that there are several short-term and long-term financial benefits from home ownership. Let's look at a few.

owe no tax on the first \$250,000 of gain from the sale of a principal residence. The amount is \$500,000 for married couples filing jointly, and this exemption can be used more than once.

■ A large percentage of Californians are single homeowners and the \$250,000 exemption listed above can be used by multiple homeowners that own and

■ Real estate in California has been a better long-term investment than the stock market. The power of leveraging is the key to excellent returns on your real estate investment. A \$50,000 investment with a 10 percent return cannot match the same investment used as a down payment on a \$500,000 house.

All of these factors make buying a home one of the best financial decisions consumers will ever make. So as this year's tax deadline approaches, now's the time to begin thinking of ways to lessen next year's tax bill.

Repeat after me, "There's no place like home."

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By making the move from renting to owning, homebuyers are in effect putting money back into their own pocket instead of their landlord's. Not only are they avoiding taxes that they would otherwise have to pay the state and federal government, they are building equity in their homes. For many people, the rising value of Bay Area real estate translates into their most profitable retirement account somewhere down the road.

Californians are counting their blessings that they have the deductions that come with owning a home. But surprisingly enough, millions of people who could qualify for a mortgage are still choosing to rent, missing out on the very best tax deductions Uncle Sam has to offer.

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Although the monthly mortgage payment may appear daunting for first-time buyers, the after-tax cost in "real dollars" may not be much more than they're paying today for rent. What's more, after a few years their mortgage payments will probably be less

■ Most homeowners can deduct property taxes and interest paid on their mortgage every year of ownership. Plus the cost of 'points' (loan origination fees) paid in the year of purchase can be deducted as well. Bear in mind that in the early years, most of a mortgage payment is interest. Even in the 10th year, the payment is still 75 percent interest. All of that is tax deductible.

■ Homeowners can borrow against the equity they build. Equity from a home can be used to improve the property, buy a car or pay for an education, and homeowners may have the ability to deduct the interest from their federal taxes. Renters never have this opportunity.

■ Real estate — particularly in Northern California — has appreciated at a much faster rate than the cost of living. This appreciation in the value of a home, plus the reduction of principal on the loan used to purchase the home, provides an unbeatable increase in a homeowner's net worth.

■ Single taxpayers who qualify

live in the same property. Three singles living and owning the same property can get a total of \$750,000 in exemptions.

■ Interest paid on a second mortgage may also be deductible if the total of the first and second mortgages is no greater than \$1 million. However, that benefit is scaled back based on your tax bracket.

■ Certain moving expenses may be deductible if the move is job-related and the relocation is 50 or more miles from the previous residence.

■ In California, sellers over the age of 55 have some special benefits, such as transferring the tax base from their current home to another of the same or lesser value within the same county or another county if it has passed a resolution accepting such transfers. This is of real benefit to those sellers who have lived in their homes for many years and have low real estate taxes due to Proposition 13. See your real estate advisor to analyze your particular situation.

■ Real estate in California has been a better long-term investment than the stock market. The power of leveraging is the key to excellent returns on your real estate investment. A \$50,000 investment with a 10 percent return cannot match the same investment used as a down payment on a \$500,000 house.

All of these factors make buying a home one of the best financial decisions consumers will ever make. So as this year's tax deadline approaches, now's the time to begin thinking of ways to lessen next year's tax bill.

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## MAX RETIREES

There's good news for retiring real estate agents. In response to a growing number of requests, Max International has created the Max Alumni Program. As a alumna, a former associate attending conventions, enjoy member discounts and retain some of the other benefits. Check it out at [www.remax.net](http://www.remax.net).

## REAL FAIR 2003

The Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland and Bay East Associations of Realtors are planning a three-day

event, Tech Faire 2003. The fair is scheduled for April 30 through May 3, at the Monarch Hotel in Dublin. Technology courses are offered on April 30 and May 1. There will be training for real estate professionals, with the focus on technology tools and computer training. The Faire concludes on May 2 with a vendor trade show. For more details call 510-848-4288, OAR at 510-836-3000 or Bay East at 925-730-4066. More information is accessible online at [www.techfaire.org](http://www.techfaire.org).

## NEW TASK FORCE GOAL

In 2001, the Oakland Association of Realtors established a fundraising task force to raise money for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation helps Realtor Oral Lee Brown keep her promise to a class of Oakland school children, to put them through college. The task force went beyond last year's goal of \$20,002 by raising \$30,000. For the year 2003, the OAR task force set its goal at \$35,000. These funds will help Brown with her renewed commitment to three additional classes. Realtor and task force Chairperson, Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty encourages everyone to participate in this worthy endeavor. If you would like to help, contact Harris at 510-834-2010.

## ARPB UPDATES

■ The Associated Real Prop-

erty Brokers (ARPB) is celebrating Realtist Week. The finale to this special week is a wine, cheese and jazz reception. The reception is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 11. The event is held at Bank of America on Grand Avenue in Oakland.

■ ARPB presents "The Dynamic Networking Breakfast," from 8 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 16. The new location is Jimmie's Entertainment Complex on San Pablo, in Oakland. Realtists are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information call **Tyronne Cossey** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

## RENTAL HOUSING MEETINGS

■ The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, April 17. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. The guest speaker is Dennis Kaminski on "Tax Issues for Real Estate Investors."

■ RHA offers a new member orientation. New members are asked to attend at 1 p.m., Friday, April 25. The orientation is at the RHA offices. For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

## WCR LUNCHEON

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting date is Friday, April 18. The meeting begins with networking at 11:30. CPA Pam Neary presents "Tax Minimization." Bring your questions on retirement, investment and estate planning. The location is Scott's Restaurant, at Jack London Square in Oakland. For reservations call WCR President, **Patricia Boule Hinds** of Clasic Investments at 510-834-0702 or [boulehinds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:boulehinds@sbcglobal.net).

## TOUR DAY BREAKFAST

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is 8:45 a.m., Thursday, April 24, at the OAR Building. The topic is "Overcoming Homeowners Insurance Obstacles," presented by **Greg Corden** of Golden Insurance. Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. Network more — sell more. For questions and parking information call **Ingrid Westgaard** of North American Title at 510-339-2380 or **Ramadan Azil** of First American Title at 510-339-1230.

## MORTGAGE ISSUES

Mortgage professionals are invited to attend the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) dinner meeting. The next

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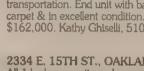
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3287 THOMPSON AVE., ALAMEDA, CHRISTMAS TREE LANE BUNGALOW. Great little split level home with 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath in a great location. \$429,000. John Selbeck, 748-1170



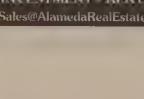
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 372 Centre Ct - \$445,000  
 47 County Rd - \$430,000  
 940 Eagle Av - \$630,000  
 27 Eclipse Ct - \$528,000  
 3101 El Paseo - \$15,000  
 1847 Elm St - \$430,000  
 3304 Encinal Av - \$525,000  
 3344 Fir Av - \$437,000  
 3117 La Cresta - \$425,000  
 1909 Lafayette St - \$451,500  
 1629 Lincoln Av - \$423,000  
 1518 Minturn St - \$225,000  
 1615 Minturn St - \$175,000  
 152 Ratto Rd - \$730,000  
 309 Santa Clara Av - \$451,000  
 1604 Schiller St - \$350,000  
 105 Sherwood Ln - \$743,000  
 950 Shorepoint 112 - \$215,000  
 950 Shorepoint Ct - \$210,000  
 2 Volberg Ct - \$525,000  
 1333 Webster A305 - \$215,000  
 1719 Willow St - \$494,000

## ALBANY

1121 Dartmouth St - \$507,000  
 555 Pierce St #834 - \$279,000

## BERKELEY

1415 67th St - \$329,000  
 2315 Acton St - \$441,000  
 1119 Arch St - \$435,000  
 2961 California St - \$369,000  
 2601 College #204 - \$331,000  
 3149 College Av - \$760,000  
 1271 Delaware St - \$540,000  
 2826 Kelsey St - \$813,000  
 2914 MLK Jr Wy - \$440,000  
 1326 Shattuck Av #1 - \$451,000  
 3010 Shattuck Av - \$485,000  
 1521 Tyler St - \$350,000  
 2614 Warring St - \$340,000

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744 Albermarle St - \$495,000  
 548 Everett St - \$385,000  
 1719 Julian Ct - \$460,000  
 1526 Lexington Av - \$319,000  
 1750 Liberty St #3 - \$269,500  
 2240 Mira Vista Dr - \$470,000  
 2320 Mira Vista Dr - \$395,000  
 22 Ramona Av - \$410,000  
 1534 Regency Ct - \$242,000  
 925 Seaview Dr - \$665,000

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 1236 104th Av - \$250,000  
 1729 23rd Av - \$327,000  
 1921 24th Av - \$280,000  
 2010 25th Av - \$350,000  
 1236 30th Av - \$285,000

371 30th 205 - \$275,000  
 371 30th 307 - \$285,000

1435 36th Av - \$379,000  
 2648 38th Av - \$399,500  
 710 43rd St - \$455,000  
 987 44th St - \$330,000  
 2114 51st Av - \$277,000  
 2616 57th Av - \$340,000  
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 3824 Columbian - \$375,000  
 437 65th St - \$489,000  
 514 66th St - \$400,000  
 1631 68th Av - \$285,000  
 1606 70th Av - \$250,000  
 1187 75th Av - \$250,000  
 1565 77th Av - \$175,000  
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 1226 82nd Av - \$300,000  
 2473 99th Av - \$325,000  
 2631 99th Av - \$330,000  
 32 Anal Wy - \$280,000

1030 Arlington - \$295,000  
 565 Bellevue 206 - \$475,000  
 5271 Bway Tr 3 - \$250,000  
 5215 Camden St - \$100,000  
 3939 Canon Av - \$588,000  
 663 Carlton Av - \$1,100,000  
 1573 Chandler St - \$283,000  
 1577 Chandler St - \$336,500  
 2218 Church St - \$177,500  
 2032 Clemens Rd - \$550,000  
 6085 Colton Bl - \$749,000  
 3824 Columbian - \$375,000  
 4109 Coolidge Av - \$590,000  
 3137 Cuthbert Av - \$199,500  
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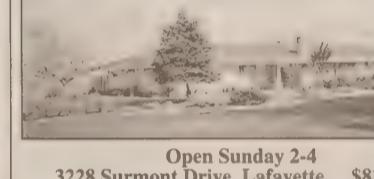
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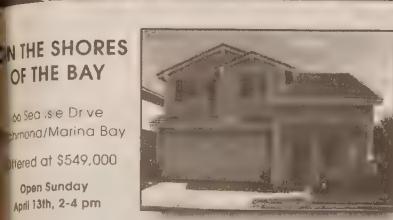
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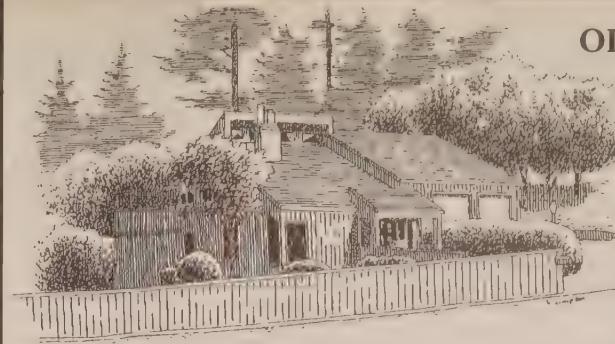
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**KENSINGTON**  
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OLD WORLD CHARM! Serene, private setting on huge lot with Golden Gate view! Elegantly appointed 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. Living room with cathedral ceiling opens to private deck & yard. Formal dining room with built-ins. Remodeled eat-in kitchen.

Open Sunday 2-4PM  
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**OAKLAND**  
6609 Brann Street      AS-IS \$183,500  
ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE! Petite but charming one bedroom, one bath vintage cottage with a separate one room work studio on a large, level, fenced & gated lot. Less than a mile to Mills College & 580 access.

Open Sunday, 2-5  
Terry Pedersen      527-2700x36

**EL CERRITO**  
2500 Tulare Ave.      \$399,000  
WONDERFUL EL CERRITO VIEW HOME! Tastefully updated with a little Asian influence has transformed this mid-century home into the perfect home for today. Flexible floor plan allows for 2 bedrooms on one level & family room, office or third bedroom downstairs.

Open Sunday, 2-4PM  
Juliana Wyberg      527-2700x31

**EL CERRITO**  
130 Behrens Street      \$379,000  
MARVELOUS MacGREGOR! 2+ bedrooms, 1 remodeled bath. Beautiful move-in condition! Quiet, private cul-de-sac location near El Cerrito Plaza shops & BART. Fresh paint, central heat, laundry room. Bright kitchen overlooks large, fenced backyard with storage shed & lots of room to play!

Open Sunday, 2-5PM  
Richard Morrison,      527-2700x32

**KENSINGTON**  
3228 Surmont Drive.      \$820,000  
Stunning sweeping views from Mt. Diablo to the Carquinez Strait. One story, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a large office that can easily be converted into a 4th bedroom. Large deck overlooking the view, spacious living & dining room, family room with breakfast area. Photo tour at [www.marvengardens.com](http://www.marvengardens.com)

Open Sunday 2-4  
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609 LA LOMA AVE. (Open 2-5)

Stunning restoration of 1908 landmark, black & white, architects. Exquisite architecture, kitchen/family Great Room.

[www.pacunion.com](http://www.pacunion.com). Gini Erck x1339

BERKELEY \$1,449,000

500 AVALON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)

Beautifully restored Claremont addition with much architectural detail. Updated kitchen and baths, 4 fireplaces. 3++BR/3BA.

Mary Montali x1350

MONTCLAIR \$1,445,000

200 FAIRLAINE DR. (Open 2-4:30)

Bright & beautiful! Breathtaking views, broad landscaped site, wonderful floor plan. 4++BR/2.5BA. 3 car garage. See More! [www.pacunion.com](http://www.pacunion.com). Michelle Woods x1324

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,395,000

138 OCEAN VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)

Stately custom Craftsman. 3+BR/2.5BA.

Large sunroom, cherry floors, large patio, level yard, excellent location.

MONTCLAIR \$1,099,000

140 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)

New home w/high ceilings, cherry wood, arched doorways, large windows & arched stonework. Large family room opens to garden. Close to Montclair BART. 4BR/3.5BA. Jennie Flanigan x1354

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$949,000

140 WANONA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)

Stunning! Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA traditional w/family room, office, bonus room & large landscaped lot. Kathleen

Wheeler x1343

ROCKER HIGHLANDS \$949,000

1400 W. 20th Street (Open 2-4:30)

Stunning! Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA traditional w/family room, office, bonus room & large landscaped lot. Kathleen

Wheeler x1343

EDMONTON \$935,000

60 Abbott Way (Open 2-4:30)

Stunning! Sh/Blv views, private setting, 3+BR/2.5BA. Updated kitchen, den, sunroom. Beautiful! Martha Holstlaw x1312

BERKELEY \$935,000

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Stunning! Sh/Blv views, private setting, 3+BR/2.5BA. Updated kitchen, den, sunroom. Beautiful! Martha Holstlaw x1312

MONTCLAIR \$603,000

6680 HEARTWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)

Level in contemporary with 3 bedrooms,

3 baths, family rooms, soaring ceilings, and 2 fireplaces. Kathy Flynn x1317

SAN LEANDRO \$619,000

916 RODNEY DR. (Open 1-4)

Outstanding property located in Estudillo Estates. Remarkable creekside setting w/large private yard, and serene tree vistas.

4BR/2.5BA. Family rm. Teri Carlisle x1305

BERKELEY \$537,000

2430 5TH ST., UNIT I (Open 2-4:30)

Spacious light-filled wonderful 3 story live/work space w/SF view! Live up, work down or live in both! 1+BR/2.5BA. Near 4th St. shopping. Joanna Gould x1346

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DIMOND \$459,000

3830 RHODA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)

Sunny bungalow w/many period details.

Pristine condition. Remodeled kitchen. Fantastic level yard & deck! 2BR/1BA. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

PIEDMONT \$799,000

Mid-century home on quiet street close to shopping, schools & transportation.

3BR/2.5BA. Family room. Yard. Sandi

Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

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**MONTCLAIR**  
7455 WOODROW DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Near Montclair Village. Stunning 2 yr. old home w/impeccable finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3++BR/2.5BA, family & rum-pus room. Christian Downer x1340

**Open Sunday**

**OAKLAND**  
2004 10TH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Large Tudor Revival by architect Albert Farr. Redwood & cherry wood details. 5++BR/4BA. Grand living rm, spacious dining rm, lib, study & entry. Large FR. Historical gem! Rich Gould x1347

**Open Sunday**

**UPPER OAKMORE**  
2134 BRAEMAR RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious traditional on quiet cul-de-sac w/hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, family room, bonus room & level yard. 3BR/3BA. Donna Costella x1355

**Open Sunday**

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE**  
5 BUENA VISTA PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
Bay views, 3BR/2BA, fenced level yard, hot tub and new kitchen. Joanna Hirsch x1366

**Open Sunday**

**MONTCLAIR**  
6308 HEATHER RIDGE (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Sunny & bright 5BR/3BA, huge loft/family room, new kitchen. Lower level w/separate entry. Wonderful outdoor spaces! Dee Knowland x1318

**Open Sunday**

**CRESTMONT**  
255 CRESTMONT DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Classic Ranch home offers level living & South Bay views. Kitchen, family, dining rm combination opens to private deck & garden. 3BR/2BA. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

**Open Sunday**

**BERKELEY**  
1785-87 FRANKLIN ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Wonderful light filled duplex near N. Berk BART, great condition, hrdwd. floors, fireplaces in both units, pretty garden, separate laundry. Leslie Avant x1341

**Open Sunday**

**PIEDMONT AVE.**  
\$450,000  
14 WESTALL AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Neo-classical row house! Vintage details intact! 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, sunroom, full basement, garden, garage! Lorri Arazi x1330

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**UPPER ROCKRIDGE**  
\$1,295,000  
Stately Mediterranean style home with sweeping SF bay views. 4+BR/2.5BA, den and chef's kitchen. Georgia Cornell x1325

**Open Sunday**

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS**  
\$1,200,000  
Architecturally rich 5+BR/3BA. 4000+sq. ft; gorgeous formal rooms; sun room/home office; recreation/rumpus room. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**Open Sunday**

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE**  
\$949,000  
Bay view lot, privacy. Approximately 12,800 square feet. One mile walk to BART. David Ichikawa x1331

**Open Sunday**

**UPPER LAUREL**  
\$319,000  
Reduced! Charming bungalow. 2BR/1BA, large eat-in kit, sep. laundry rm, sm backyard & many improvements. Kathy Flynn x1317

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**PIEDMONT**  
\$799,000  
Mid-century home on quiet street close to shopping, schools & transportation. 3BR/2BA. Family room. Yard. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

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Heidi Marchesotti

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\* Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$389,000 1059 El Centro #4. Beautiful condo in Glenview District. 3BR/2BA with fireplace, storage, 1-car attached garage. Close to Park Blvd. shopping.

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Kacy Carr

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\* Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$350,000 1025 Bayview Avenue. Fabulous light-filled traditional. Eat-in kitchen, separate workshop, in-law.

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\* Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$345,000 4843 Fairfax. Price reduced! Sweet 3BR/1BA. Original woodwork, small sunny deck & yard.

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\* Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$349,000 25097 Belhaven. Charming Sought-after 3BR/2BA and family room. New kitchen, windows, doors & roof.

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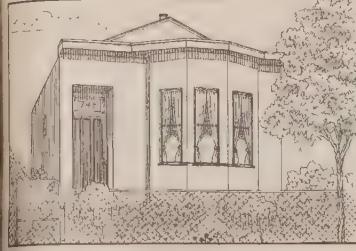
Enjoy outdoor living in a fabulous garden that was featured in Sunset Magazine. This tastefully renovated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath traditional has a recently remodeled kitchen, sunny living room, spacious master suite, formal dining room with a great view of the surrounding area and a deck for entertaining.

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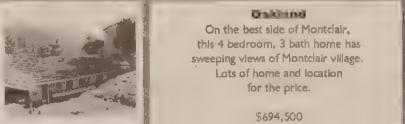
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**Montclair**  
 On the best side of Montclair, this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has sweeping views of Montclair village. Lots of home and location for the price.

\$694,500



**Excelsior**  
 Beautifully remodeled 2 bed, 1 bath, large formal dining room, ample storage with bonus room and half bath down. Granite kitchen has 2 skylights, solid cherry cabinets and includes all appliances plus built-in washer & dryer. New brick patio, new windows throughout and new roof.

\$459,000



**Richmond**  
 Great price for a 3 bed/1 bath home on big lot. New carpet, remodeled kitchen and bath, new paint, extra "all season" room. Off street driveway parking for 2 cars.

\$275,000

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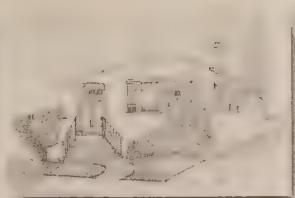
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## Homes Open Sunday



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING!** \$424,000  
 2/1 - Tree lovers alert! Private forest, quiet retreat. Maximum serenity among trees and sun galore. Rare sanctuary.

1355 Campus Drive Open 2-5



**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING!** \$449,000  
 2+1 - Charming bungalow. Loads of light, built-ins, french doors, exposed wood, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, glorious yard. MORE!

541 North Street Open 1:30-4



**ORINDA - NEW LISTING!** \$640,000  
 3/3 - Architect designed home in a great Country Club location. Easy access to shops & transportation. More at [www.gotmanning.com](http://www.gotmanning.com)

46 Bobolink Road Open 1-4

**EL CERRITO - NEW LISTING!** \$349,000  
 2/2.5 - Incredible Bay views from this freshly painted townhouse! Private patio, fireplace, 2-car garage, laundry in unit. 1448 s.f. of living space.

28 Wildwood Place Open 2-4:30



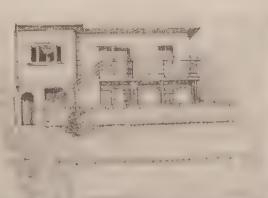
**BERKELEY - NEW PRICE!** \$949,000  
 3/2 - Unique Contemporary. Spectacular panoramic Bay views from every window. Serene garden settings. Close to UC & Gourmet Ghetto.

987 Euclid Avenue Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING!** \$308,000  
 2/1 - Bungalow in great condition with lots of upgrades! Nice wood deck. Photos & more at [www.charliecookproperties.com](http://www.charliecookproperties.com).

1080 65th Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND** \$299,000  
 3/2 - Great Oakmore fixer with 1 bed/1 bath in-law unit. Many possibilities for the owner/occupant or investor.

3916 Whittle Avenue Open 2-4



**RICHMOND/MARINA BAY** \$549,000  
 3/2 - Private setting in gated community with serene water vistas. Bay trails. Immaculate, nearly new! More at [www.bobblumberg.com](http://www.bobblumberg.com)

66 Sea Isle Drive Open 2-4



**BERKELEY** \$409,000  
 3+1 - Charming, spacious house with tremendous potential. Family room, spacious kitchen, deck. Close to UC Berkeley and BART.

1545 Parker Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND** \$225,000  
 1/1 - Rockridge border. Clean condo newly remodeled with large, private patio & common pool, spa, laundry and garage.

250 Whittome Street #111 Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW PRICE!** \$285,000  
 2/2 - Lower Temescal bungalow. Large kitchen, hardwood floors, rear patio, detached garage. Close to BART & Children's hospital.

880 44th Street Open 1-4



**MARTINEZ - LAND** \$2,700,000  
 Extraordinary opportunity for estate retreat or development. 270 acres surrounded on 3 sides by watershed. Well in place. Views of S.F. Bay. more information at [www.oursan-ridge.com](http://www.oursan-ridge.com)

**Sales**

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20 19th St - \$246,000  
 634 27th St - \$350,000  
 1268 29th St - \$260,000  
 672 39th St - \$27,500  
 247 4th St - \$325,000  
 724 Acacia Av #A - \$335,000  
 20 Alamo Av - \$270,000  
 1200 Brickyard 208 - \$290,000  
 1459 Carlson Bl - \$150,000  
 3704 Center Av - \$365,000  
 5412 Cerro Sur - \$480,000  
 5308 Coach Dr - \$527,000  
 5369 Debra Ln - \$495,000  
 1208 Fairway Dr - \$380,000  
 730 Gertrude Av - \$195,000  
 5625 Hazel Av - \$479,000  
 3105 Henderson Dr - \$320,000  
 677 Humboldt St - \$380,000  
 936 Kern St - \$360,000  
 3245 Maricopa Av - \$285,000  
 1201 Melville 409 - \$325,000  
 3754 Morningside - \$439,000  
 4074 Mozart Dr - \$386,500  
 3406 Ohio Av - \$225,000  
 2932 Oxford Av - \$350,000  
 2017 San Mateo St - \$308,000  
 5226 Sierra St - \$360,000  
 409 South 16th St - \$180,000  
 320 South 22nd St - \$250,000  
 347 South 8th St - \$229,000  
 1026 Ventura St - \$325,000  
 316 Verde Av - \$192,000  
 336 Washington - \$545,000

## SAN LEANDRO

1615 163rd Av - \$228,000  
 1262 Alder Creek Cr - \$468,500  
 1272 Alder Creek Cr - \$507,500  
 15388 Andover St - \$329,000  
 1550 Bancroft 332 - \$299,000  
 1844 Bancroft Av - \$399,000  
 16333 Bevil Wy - \$285,000  
 709 Buriat St - \$637,500  
 1721 Burkhardt Av - \$369,000  
 243 Cherrywood Av - \$400,000  
 290 Chumala St - \$280,000  
 1988 Evergreen Av - \$460,000  
 367 Farrelly Dr - \$335,000  
 1433 Gilmore Dr - \$300,000  
 14228 Ivy Ct - \$215,000  
 553 Joaquin Av - \$315,000  
 16925 Liberty St - \$335,000  
 314 Lorraine Bl - \$357,500  
 1087 Manor Bl - \$343,000  
 1583 Oriole Av - \$280,000  
 14932 Peninsula St - \$399,000  
 2351 Prosperity Wy - \$575,000  
 13882 Sausalito Rd - \$385,000  
 2365 Seacrest Ct - \$161,000  
 2211 Sol St - \$192,000  
 1580 Thrush Av - \$315,000  
 2092 Wallace Av - \$260,000

## SAN LORENZO

17 E. Paseo Grande - \$253,000  
 16018 Via Alamitos - \$320,000  
 15915 Via Cordoba - \$420,000  
 15770 Via Corta - \$250,000  
 982 Via Mariposa - \$332,500  
 18101 Via Toledo - \$385,000  
 17730 Via Valencia - \$350,000

## By the numbers

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 23  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$743,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$437,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$432,826

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$279,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$507,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$393,000

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## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 13  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$329,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$813,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$440,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$468,000

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 10  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$242,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$665,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$411,050

## EL CORDOVA

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$152,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$405,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$262,500

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$173,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$526,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$358,917

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$420,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$720,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$623,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$585,800

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 102  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,343,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$350,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$412,828

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$600,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,810,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,355,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,203,600

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 34  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$545,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$328,471

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$192,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$637,500  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$335,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$369,593

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 7  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$332,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$330,071

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irement, investment and planning. The location is Restaurant, at Jack London Square in Oakland. For questions call WCR President Bouie Hinds of Classic Investments at 510-834-0702

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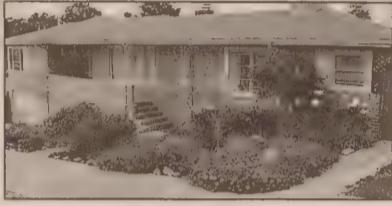
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1028 ISLAND DR. 3 Bdrm/2 Bath, single level home. New GOLD paint, new stove. \$399,000

3180 CYPRESS ST. 3 Bdrm/1.5 Bath, PENDING. Reduced to \$399,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
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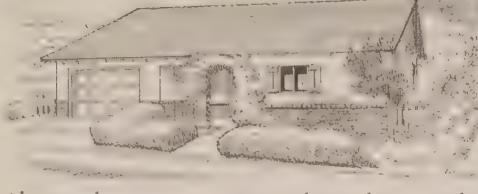
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Mortgage Group	30-yr Fixed 5,500...0.000 Fees=\$1992	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,545...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4,625...0.000	3/1 ARM Jumbo 3,750...0.000	Get rates online at <a href="http://www.pmgmortgage.com">www.pmgmortgage.com</a> Now open Saturdays 9-3, evenings until 8:00 pm. Purchases may be 1/8% lower
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Superior	30-yr Fixed 5,500...0.000 Fees=\$1888	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,680...30	15-yr Fixed 6,100...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4,875...0.000	Open weekends Credit problems OK. "Apply online" Se Habla Espanol! <a href="http://www.superior-mtg.net">www.superior-mtg.net</a>
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West Mortgage Mart	30-yr Fixed 5,625...0.000 Fees=\$1760	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,700...45	15-yr Fixed 5,875...0.000	Jumbo Special* 5,782...30	www.CaliforniaMortgageMart.com for loan application & 45 day up front lock Minimum loan \$200,000
West Olympic Funding Mart	30-yr Fixed 5,625...0.000 Fees=\$1758	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,700...45	15-yr Fixed 5,875...0.000	Jumbo Special* 5,782...30	DIRECT LENDER LOANS TO \$10 MILLION <a href="http://WWW.CALMTG.COM">WWW.CALMTG.COM</a>
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## Reid

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meeting is April 19 at The Crow Canyon Country Club. "Legislative Issues Affecting The East Bay..." is the topic presented by **George Duarte**, Vice-President of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers. For reservations, leave a message on the CARL Hotline at 510-746-1847.

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## Bruss

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monthly mortgage payment will be due on April 1, plus usually a 10- or 15-day grace period.

However, because month-end closings became too burdensome for lenders, some now don't require borrowers to pay the full current month's interest at the closing. But the first monthly mortgage payment, due on the first day of the next month, will include interest for the month of the loan closing.

As for mortgage junk or garbage fees, when you inquire

about a mortgage, ask for a no-low-cost mortgage with no junk or garbage fees. If you specify that up front to the lender, you probably won't incur them. But you might pay a slightly higher tax-deductible interest rate, typically one-eighth percent higher.

## State or local law determines if tenant earns interest on security deposit

**Dear Bob:** Does a landlord have to pay the tenant, upon move-out, interest on their security deposit? If so, must interest be paid if the security deposit is not refunded because of damage to

the premises? — Barbara P.

**Dear Barbara:** The answer depends on where the rental property is located and if there is any state, city or county law requiring landlords to pay interest on tenant security deposits.

If such interest payment is required, the interest rate is another issue. Some cities and counties require higher interest rate payments on security deposits than the 1 or 2 percent currently paid by most banks.

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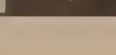


Property photos on: [www.karenlum.com](http://www.karenlum.com)

7245 Buckingham Blvd.

\$765,000 as is

Numerous windows surround this striking contemporary and offer wonderful natural light. Bold angular walls and staircase add their own drama and visual interest. Take in the lovely views from the living, dining, family rooms and decks beyond. Enjoy casual entertaining in the updated kitchen and adjoining family room with its built-in bar. This home is truly stunning and not to be missed!



*A Garden Full of Atmosphere*

Open Sunday, April 13th 2-5 pm  
Offers, April 22nd



This charming house sits on a lushly landscaped knoll amid storybook homes in the Poinsett Park area. There's a breakfast nook in the country style kitchen and the sheltered patio is perfect for tranquil al fresco dining in the terraced backyard. Convenient to BART and freeway access. 3 BR, 1 BA.

Available for \$379,000

All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.



2318 Mono in El Cerrito

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# Weekend OPEN HOMES

Open Sunday, unless otherwise indicated

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1432 Bancroft Way	2BD/1BA
2-4030 Grand Lake	510-634-2011
2704 Leconte #2	1BD/1BA
1-4 510-409-0042	
1 Claremont, Dan Stone	Ernest Villafanca
1229 Garrison St	3BD 2.5BA
1-5 Pacific R.E.	(510)662-8487
Pacific R.E.	Jamie Lake
1213 Masonic Ave.	2BD/1BA
2-4 Hills Realty	510-524-9888 x23
1545 Parker St	3BD 1BA
Francine Di Palma	510-280-2111
1355 Campus Dr	2B
Diane Ohisson	510-280-2111
1785-67 Franklin St.	-BD/-BA
Duplex	510-338-1322
on	Leslie Avila
2430 5th Street, Unit 1	1+BD/2BA
on	510-338-1322
1306 Cornell Ave.	2BD/1BA
2-4030 Better Homes,	510-339-9400
Nahid Nasirizadeh	
1919 Hopkins Street	3BD/1BA
Northbrae	510-652-2111
Company	Anne Van Dyk
2441 Carleton St.	3+BD/1BA
2-4030 Banker	510-339-4700
Dell Orr	
1242 Glen Avenue	3BD/1BA
Company	510-652-2111
945 Hillsdale Avenue	3BD/1BA
Company	510-339-0400
Chris Cole	
2745 Parker Street	3+BD/1BA
Company	510-339-0400
Lori Lombard	
987 Euclid Ave	3 BD/2BA
Stan Momtchev	510-280-2111
90 El Camino Real	5BD/4BA
1-4 Associates	510-527-8822
Gene Millstein	
41 Alvarado Road	3+BD/4BA
Company	510-652-2111
Dinae Verdugo	
1512 West View Drive	4+BD/4BA
Claremont	510-339-0400
Company	Karen Stach
35 Oakvale Avenue	3+BD/1BA
Company	510-652-2111
Bebe McRae	
1705 La Loma Avenue	4+BD/3BA
on	510-338-1322
Gini Er	
o Valley	
1874 Mount Lassen Dr.	4BD/3BA
1-4 Palomares Hills	510-530-6333
ell	Howard Kan
2270 Rancho Palomares Pl	3B
Associates	510-749-0222
Anita Wong	
ord	
4888 Clayton Rd., #17	1BD/1BA
Better Homes	510-339-4000
Allan Tran	
Corante	
5164 Amend Street	3BD/3B
on	510-338-1322
Michelle Vase	
erville	
1366 34th St	1+1.5B
2-4	510-444-0777
My Realty	Kathleen Hirsh
ington	
32 Highgate Ave	3BD/3B
ardens Todd Hodson	510-559-2922
258 Colgate	2BD/2BA
ardens Ann Arriola Plant	510-527-2700x2
ette	

Oakland			
\$299,000	5457 Brookdale Ave.	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4	Maxwell Park	510-530-6330	
Assist-2-Sell	Howard Kane		
\$299,000	748 29th St ...	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 1-5	510-339-9290		
Prudential Montclair, Katie O'Shea			
\$308,000	1080 65th St	510-280-2111	
Sun 2-4	RED OAK Charlie Cook		
\$310,000	708 45th Street	-BD/-BA	
Sun, 2-4:30	N. Olinda Triplex	510-531-7000 x246	
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Stan Hammond		
\$319,000	737 2nd St #304	1BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	Jack London Square	510-868-1400	
Prudential Geoff Bidwell			
\$325,000	1002 Wood Street	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Oakland West	510-339-8900, x252	
C21 Heritage R.E.	Sheila Brockcrawford		
\$325,000	9716 Thermal St	3BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290		
Prudential Montclair, Dottie Henson			
\$345,000	4843 Fairfax	3BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Lower Maxwell Park	510-868-1400	
Prudential sAmy Davis			
\$348,000	2707 Park Blvd.	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8400	
Montclair Better Homes	Patricia Bennett		
\$349,000	240 Caldecott Ln	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290		
Prudential Montclair, Brian Santilena			
\$349,000	3568 Davis Street	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8400	
Montclair Better Homes	Patricia Bennett		
\$349,000	6616 Simson St	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-273-9923		
Prudential Claremont, Ernie & Rick			
\$359,000	400 Wayne Avenue #7	2BD/2BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Lakeshore	510-531-7000 x238	
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Patsy Buhler		
\$369,000	2993 - 106th Ave.	2+BA/1.5B	
Open Sun 1-4		510-530-6330	
Assist-2-Sell	Howard Kan		
\$369,000	3045 Texas Street	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-8900, x226	
C21 Heritage R.E.	Lois Johnson		
\$369,000	3907 Laguna Ave.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Lincoln Heights	510-339-8900	
x251			
C21 Heritage R.E.	Sarah Schisler		
\$369,000	882 - 46th Street	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-5	North Oakland	510-435-3564	
C21 Heritage R.E.	Fred Bronson		
\$375,000	3318 Maple Ave	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-814-4884	
Harbor Bay Realty	Ramon Dumaguil		
\$375,000	454 38th Street	2BD/1BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Temescal	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company	Ed Ku		
\$375,000	371 - 30th St., #103	2BD/2BA	
Sun. 1-5	Pill Hill	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker	Elene Stone		
\$379,000	3388 Madera Ave	2BD/1+BA	
Sun 1-4	Maxwell Park	510-337-8677	
Prudential CA Realty	Kacy Carr		
\$389,000	2619 Rawson St.	3BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	510-339-8400	
Montclair Better Homes	Rosie Nyseater		
\$389,000	3007 57th	3BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	Mills College	510-337-8677	
Prudential CA Realty	Jessica Yap		
\$389,000	1059 El Centro #4	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-428-0900		
Prudential Piedmont, Hernan Luna			
\$399,000	5281 Belvedere St	2 BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290		
Prudential Montclair, Herb Manor			
\$399,000	5957 Canning St	3BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair	David Otero		
\$400,000	4548 Tompkins	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-428-0900		
Prudential Piedmont, Nancy Hinkley			
\$421,000	2801 Seminary	3BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290		
Prudential Montclair, James Shin			
\$425,000	2700 Madeline	2BD/1BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker	Michael Gormley		
\$425,000	112 Adeline	3+BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4:30		510-339-6160, x217	
C21 Heritage R.E.	Cindy Boze		
\$425,000	715 Hillgirt Circle	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 1-5	510-447-0211		

Oakland	
\$469,000	4400 Park Blvd
Sat & Sun 2-4	2BD/1BA
Harbor Bay Realty	510-314-4878
	Lorraine Ingeman
\$469,950	3272 Pleitner Ave.
Open Sun 1-4	3BD/2BA
Help-U-Sell East Bay	510-251-5000 or 925-876-4120
	Tony Wright
\$469,950	3272 Pleitner Avenue
Sun 1-4	3BD/2BA
Help-U-Sell	510-251-6000
	Tony Wright
\$474,000	4364-66 Montgomery St.
Sun. 2-4:30	3BD/1BA
Piedmont Ave. Duplex	510-338-1363
Pacific Union	Leslie Easterling
\$479,000	3620 Seminary Ave
Sun. 1-4:30	2+BD/2BA
Oakland Hills	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Victor Ratto
\$479,000	4001 Elston
Open 2-4:30	3BD/1.5BA
Glenview	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Patricia Bennett
\$479,000	7087 Pinehaven
Open Sun 2-4:30	3BD/2BA
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair, Angie Williams	
\$485,000	3544 High Street
Sun. 2-4:30	2+BD/1.5BA
Upn. Hgt. St. Terr.	510-531-7000 x242
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Chris Christensen
\$499,000	1908 Clemens Road
Sun. 2-4:30	2+BD/1BA
Oakmore	510-339-0400
The Grubb Company	Tricia Swift
\$499,000	255 Crestmont Drive
Sun. 2-4:30	3BD/2BA
Crestmont	510-338-1348
Pacific Union	Fritz Hochheimer
\$499,000	5320 Broadway
Sun. 2-4:30	1BD/1BA
Rockridge	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Jeffrey Neidleman
\$499,950	7021 Saroni Dr.
Sun. 2-4:30	3BD/2BA
Montclair	510-339-4000
Montclair Better Home	Seki Chikami
\$519,000	4021 Norton Ave
Open Sun 2-4:30	2+/1+
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair, Mary Dresser	
\$519,000	5666 Cabot Dr
Open Sun 2-4:30	2BD/1BA
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair, Katie O'Shea	
\$519,000	7940 Hansom Dr.
Sun. 1-5	4BD/2BA
Sequoyah Heights	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Nancy Maloney
\$520,000	751 Hillgirt Circle
Open Sun 2-4:30	3BD/2BA
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair, Bill Boze	
\$525,000	4632 Redwood Road
Sun. 2-4:30	3BD/2.5BA
Oakland Hills	510-339-0400
The Grubb Company	Angela We Grubb
\$525,000	748 Mandana Blvd.
Sun. 2-4:30	2BA/1BA
Crocker Highlands	510-531-7000 x246
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Stan Hammond
\$525,000	4461 Carson
Sun. 2-5	3BD/2BA
Redwood Heights	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Becky Andersen
\$529,000	4015 Maybelle Ave
Open Sun 2-4:30	2+/2BA
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair, Mary Dresser	
\$535,000	6821 Thornhill Dr
Open Sun 2-5	2+/1.5BA
Montclair...	510-339-4700
9290	
Prudential Montclair, Andreas Furtner	
\$549,000	3030 Broadmoor View Dr.
Sun. 2-4:30	4BD/3.5BA
Oakland Hills	510-338-1317
Pacific Union	Kathy Flynn
\$549,000	3333 Burdeek Drive
Sun. 2-4:30	3+BA/2.5BA
Joaquin Miller	510-531-7000 x222
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Carol Robbiniau
\$558,000	8070 Phaeton Dr
Open Sun 2-4:30	3BD/2BA
Oakland Hills	510-339-4700
9290	
Prudential Montclair, Myrtice Wong	
\$559,000	438 62nd St ...
Open Sun 2-4:30	2BD/1BA
510-237-9756	
Prudential, Roy	
\$560,000	3715 Lakeshore Ave
Open Sun 2-4:30	3BD/1.5BA
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair, Noel Morata	
\$569,000	4043 Lakeshore Avenue
Sun. 2-4:30	2+BD/1BA
Crocker Highlands	510-338-1319
Pacific Union	Ann Nichols
\$585,000	7040 Homewood Drive
Sun. 2-5	4BD/2.5BA
Montclair	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Joan Alford
\$589,000	785 Calmar
Sun. 2-5	3BD/2BA
Crocker Highlands	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Ruby Ng
\$589,000	5439 Carlton St.
Sun. 1-4pm	3BD/1BA
Rockridge	510-547-5970 Ext. 55

Oakland			
\$679,000	4390 Bridgeview	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Upper Oakmore	510-339-8400	
Montclair Better Homes		Martha Shin	
\$687,500	4432 Shepherd St	5BD/4BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290		
Prudential Montclair, Suzanne			
\$699,000	2134 Bremer Road	3BD/3BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Upper Oakmore	510-338-1365	
Pacific Union		Donna Costella	
\$699,000	4 Bowles Place	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Kurt Buchholz	
\$699,000	5215 Locksley Ave.	2BD/1.5BA/1BD	
Sun. 2-4:30	Rockridge	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Kurt Buchholz	
\$699,000	5247 Saddle Brook	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-5	Parkridge Estates	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker		Nader Davaei	
\$699,000	7045 Pinehaven Road	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Judith Cain	
\$699,000	1700 Arrowhead Dr.	3BD/2BA	
Sun. 1-4pm	Montclair	925-253-6233	
Pacific Union Real Estate, Shelley Rae Ruhman			
\$699,000	6842 Chambers Drive	4BD/2BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-8900, x226	
C21 Heritage R.E.		Lois Johnson	
\$719,000	6314 Broadway Terrace	3BD/1.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Bettina Balestrieri	
\$725,000	4349 Edgewood	5BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 1-4:30	Glenview	510-524-9888 x22	
Berkeley Hills Realty		Chris Ehlers-Hardie	
\$725,000	39 Bowles Place	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-4400	
Coldwell Banker		Claudia Bowman	
\$729,000	4701 Harbord Drive	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-339-8400	
Montclair Better Homes		Michael Thompson	
\$739,000	17 Captains Cove	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Hiller Highlands	510-531-7000 x248	
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Peter Nicolopoulos	
\$749,000	6801 Gunn	3+BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-428-0900	
Prudential Calif.		Chrys/Hinkley	
\$750,000	24 Mandana Circle	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-4400	
The Grubb Company		Angela Wei Grubb	
\$759,000	2004 10th Avenue	5+BD/4.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-338-1347	
Pacific Union		Rich Gould	
\$759,000	5876 Birch Ct	1BD/1.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-428-0900	
Prudential Calif.		Mark Miller	
\$765,000	7245 Buckingham Blvd.	4BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker		Karen Lum	
\$795,000	5227 Masonic Avenue	4+BD/2BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-339-8400	
Montclair Better Homes		Michael Thompson	
\$795,000	722 Rand Ave	Triplex	
Sun. 2-5	Grand Lake	510-851-6627	
Prudential Calif.		Shirley Covington	
\$798,000	724 Longridge Road	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker		Dian Hymer	
\$799,000	23 Buena Vista Place	2+BD/3BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Rockridge (Upper)	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker		Ruby Ng	
\$799,000	5955 Girvin Drive	4BD/3.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Piedmont Pines	510-339-4400	
The Grubb Company		Angela Wei Grubb	
\$829,000	201 Greenbank Avenue	3BD/2BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Angela Grubb	
\$849,000	1085 Siler Place	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	510-339-4400	
The Grubb Company		Susanne Pau	
\$890,000	51 Bay Forest Drive	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Sandra Vogel	
\$899,000	7455 Woodrow Drive	3+BD/2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-338-1340	
Pacific Union		Christian Downer	
\$899,000	6615 Elverton Dr	5BD/4BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290		
Prudential Montclair, Heidi Marchesotti			
\$949,000	920 Wawona Avenue	4+BD/2.5BA	

<b>Oakland</b>			
\$1,395,000	1029 Amito Dr	5+BD/ 4.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker		David Eckert	
\$1,445,000	6300 Fairlane Drive	4BD/ 4.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-338-1324	
Pacific Union		Rosalie Woods	
\$1,449,000	2950 Avalon Avenue	3BD/ 3.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-338-1350	
Pacific Union		Mary Montal	
\$1,475,000	5016 Cochrane Avenue	4BD/ 3.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Rockridge	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Tricia Swift	
\$1,495,000	1228 Grand View Dr	5BD/ 4.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-868-1400	
Prudential Kirk Phillips			
\$1,495,000	1228 Grand View Dr	5BD/ 4.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-868-1400		
Prudential			
\$1,549,000	10 Dorothy Place	6BD 4BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Dana Cohen	
\$1,595,000	95 Westminster	4+BD/ 3+BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Claremont Pines	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker		Nancy Dickey	
\$1,599,000	1138 Drury Rd.	4BD/ 4.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	510-531-7000 x251	
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Mary Neuberger	
\$1,695,000	145 Colgate Drive	5BD 4.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		S. Benninger & A. Grubb	
\$2,250,000	258 Alvarado Rd.	5BD/ 4BA	
Sun. 2-5pm	Claremont Hills	510-540-8743	
Pacific Union Real Estate, Julie Nachtwey			
\$2,379,000	5626 Weaver Place	4BD/ 4BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Hillcrest Estates	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Kurt Buchholz	
\$2,496,000	6031 Skyline Boulevard	4+BD/ 5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Debra J. Dryden	
\$2,700,000	5670 Castle Drive	3BD/ 2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Anne Feste	
\$375,000	7540 Sterling Dr	2BD/ 2BA	
Open Sun 1-5	510-534-080		
Prudential Grand Lake, Shirley Covington			
<b>Orinda</b>			
\$640,000	46 Bobolink Rd	3BD/ 3BA	
Sun 1-4		510-280-2113	
RED OAK	Pamela Manning		
<b>Piedmont</b>			
\$749,000	1841 Trestle Glen	3BD/ 3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-681-6440		
Broker, Terri Walker			
\$839,000	38 York Drive	4BD/ 2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Company		Erika Celestre	
\$935,000	10 Abbott Way	3+BD/ 2.5BA	
Sun. 2-4:30		510-338-1312	
Pacific Union		Martha Holstlaw	
<b>Point Richmond</b>			
\$789,000	490 Western Dr.	2+BD/ 2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-5		510-849-9900	
Maison Nouveau		Heather Sittig	
<b>El Cerrito</b>			
\$349,000	28 Wildwood Place	2BD/ 2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-280-2164	
ED OAK		Theresa Hogan	
\$379,000	130 Behrens	2+BA/ 1BA	
Sun 2-5		510-527-2700x32	
Marvin Gardens	Richard Morrison		
\$399,000	913 Everett St	3BD/ 1.5BA	
Sun 2-4		877-865-2279	
McGallagher & Lindsey		Michael Studebaker	
\$399,000	2500 Tulare	3BD	
Sun 2-4		510-527-2700x31	
Marvin Gardens	Juliana Wynberg		
\$495,000	2633 Carquinez Ave	3BD/ 1BA	
Sun 2-4		510-292-3055	
Marvin Gardens	Melissa Eisenberg		
\$549,000	1205 Riveria Street	3BD/ 2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-526-7171	
e/Max Bay Area		Charles Goldstein	
\$639,950	5818 Charles Ave	3BD/ 2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4		(510)662-8558	
Security Pacific R.E.	Carla Della Zoppa		
<b>Richmond</b>			

3228 Surmont Drive	3BD/2BA
Wardens Herman Sun	510-559-2924
1965 Ascot Dr #4	2BD/2BA
24-30 510-339-9290	
Montclair, Erik Johnson	
6609 Brann	1BD/1BA
Wardens Terry Pedersen	510-527-2700x3
425 Orange St. #105	1BA/1BA
12-4 510-251-6000 or 925-876-4120	
East Bay	Tony Wright

Open Sun 1-5	510-849-0211	
Prudential Claremont, Natalie Cuttler		
\$429,000	422 Haddon Rd.	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5	Haddon Hill	510-595-7699
Re/Max East Bay Hills		Dave Higgins
\$345,000	3142 Arizona	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes		Nahid Nassiri
\$435,000	4 794 Redding St	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4	by Mills College	510-523-0700
Panavista Realty		Ramesh
\$449,000	4362 Bennett Place	2+BD/1BA
Sun. 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker		Victor Fierro
\$449,000	541 North St	2+BD/1BA
Sun 1:30-4		510-280-2166
REB. OAK	Julie Cuillas	

Lawton Associates, Ron Kriss			
\$599,000 Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair	#16 Maydon Court Golf Links Montclair Better Homes	6BD/2.5BA 510-339-4000 Nanine Watson	
\$599,000 Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union	6308 Heather Ridge Way Montclair	5BD/3BA 510-338-1318 Dee Knowland	
\$599,000 Sun. 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6541 Snake Road Montclair	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Carolyn Devol	
\$603,000 Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union	6680 Heartwood Drive Montclair	3BD/3BA 510-338-1317 Kathy Flynn	
\$610,000 Open Sun 2-4 Assist-2-Sell	4608 Jacobus Avenue Upper Rockridge	2BD/1.5BA 510-530-6330 Howard Kane	

Sun. 4-230	Crocker Highlands	510-338-1343
Pacific Union	Kathleen Callahan	
\$985,000	5565 Moraga Ave	4BD/4BA
Open Sun 2-5	510-845-0211	
Prudential Claremont,	Barbara Levy	
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## Cerrito's Lodree back in elite form

### PREP TRACK

is back!"

She certainly is back.

Lodree, a senior, missed the entire postseason in 2002 with a hamstring injury after finishing fifth in the 100 hurdles at the 2001 California Interscholastic Federation state championships.

But in 13.91 seconds Saturday, she showed that she is back to her 2001 form.

With that meet-record time, Lodree defeated defending state 100 hurdles champion Talia Stewart of James Logan at Ed-

wards Stadium. Lodree also won the 300 hurdles in 45.07 seconds in her first race at that distance since the 2001 high school season and finished second in the long jump with a region-best mark of 19 feet.

"I feel like I came out here and did what I wanted to do. I did my best," said Lodree, named the meet's outstanding girls track athlete. "I'm back home."

Lodree feels at home on the track, and she was focused after a false start in the 100 hurdles. She settled into the blocks again and got a great start, leading the race from the first hurdle.

"My attitude coming out here is basically that I'm trying to get my time down," said Lodree after the 100 hurdles. "There are still a lot of things I have to work on."

In the 300 hurdles, Lodree was challenged by St. Elizabeth freshman Sophia Uwadiile in the final 50 meters but prevailed by .27 seconds. While Lodree achieved her best long jump mark on her fourth attempt, Merrill West-Tracy's Brittany Daniels already had sailed 19-5, which turned out to be the winning

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EL CERRITO'S Lindsay Spolarich clears 5 feet, 2 inches in the high jump at the Oakland Invitational Relays. The Gauchos girls placed third.

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Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

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### PREP SOFTBALL

PIEDMONT'S Sally Peterson can't get a handle on the ball as St. Mary's Margo Winton scores. The Highlanders won, however, 12-2.

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

## Piedmont softball on a streak



CASEY HENDERSON of St.

Mary's delivers a pitch in her

team's BSAL loss to Piedmont.

■ The Highlanders jump on St. Mary's early for a 12-2 victory, their fifth in a row in the BSAL

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — In a season that started slowly for the Piedmont High School softball team, things are starting to pick up speed for the Highlanders.

Lenny Parker's team picked up its fifth straight Bay Shore Athletic League victory Monday by defeating St. Mary's 12-2 in five innings at Central Park.

The Panthers (3-7, 3-4 BSAL) gave up 10 runs in the first two innings but when sophomore Rosie Coté came in to pitch, things slowed down offensively for the Highlanders. Still, they managed to pick up two runs in the fifth to end the game early due to the 10-run rule.

"She probably has the most (pitching) talent on the team," St. Mary's coach Mike Summer said of Coté. "She has to work on her composure. She gets down if things don't go well."

Piedmont's ship was taking water early in the season as the team made eight errors in an opening loss to John Swett and then five more in a second loss to St. Patrick. The Highlanders managed to get on an even keel by defeating Albany, St. Joseph, Holy Names and Kennedy before defeating St. Mary's.

The 6-0 victory over Holy Names on April 2 was the first over the Monarchs in seven years, according to Parker.

"I guess they had a good summer, then a good Christmas," Parker said about his team's 0-6 start. "They're starting to figure it out and enjoy the game again."

The slow start is sort of mystifying — Parker has what he calls his "Magnificent Seven" —

seven seniors — back for a final shot at a league title and a North Coast Section berth.

Jennifer Woo, Molly Wooster, Erika Tietjen, Caitlin Lyman, Kendall Kirby, Maggie Hall and Monica Linzer are the senior returners, but the season did not start off with a bang. It was more like a whoopee cushion.

Summer, on the other hand, is trying to mold a large group of freshmen and sophomores into a winning group after losing a solid group to graduation. Parker may be in the same boat next year when the seniors leave.

But that's next season. This team wants to win now, and if the effort against St. Mary's is any indication, it is back on the rails.

Piedmont got off quickly, scoring six runs on four hits in the first inning, sending 10 batters to the plate. Sally Peterson of Piedmont had one run, Hall and Woo

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ALAMEDA'S Gina Parodi, right, is on a collision course with Rivkah Cohen of El Cerrito, who waits for the throw as Parodi approaches second base.

TUE NAM TON/STAFF

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## Alameda hitters adjust to El Cerrito

### PREP SOFTBALL

first inning. Alameda catcher Kelly Lowe cut her down at second on a steal attempt.

Alameda went quietly in the first inning, three up, three down. The Gauchos got another hit in the second when Aurianna Newman singled to right with one out.

Segundo got the first two outs in the second, but the Alameda hitters started timing her off-speed pitches and rather slow delivery and struck for three runs. Christina Tuazon tripled and Lizzy Bochner tripled to left-center to drive in Tuazon. Lowe

doubled to left to knock in Bochner, and Gina Parodi followed with a single to center to score Lowe. Just like that, it was 3-0 after two innings.

"It takes us one trip through the lineup to get used to slower pitching," coach Don Musso said. "The second time through, the third time through, the girls seemed to get them timing down."

Rivkah Cohen got the last hit for El Cerrito with none out in the top of the third and got all the way to third on a ground out and a wild pitch. But Alameda starter Traclyn Garcia-Lum

It's showtime

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Rowan into El Cerrito

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# Arts

## Rowan finds musical meeting place

■ Free show April 12 in El Cerrito will explore the world of roots music

By Brian Kluepfel  
CORRESPONDENT

For many artists, simply releasing one album per year is a major undertaking. But Peter Rowan is known for breaking the mold: He put out four discs in 2002.

"It just kind of worked out that way," laughed Rowan.

Covering the expanse of his musical tastes, from Appalachia to tropical islands, Rowan brought a four-decade career into perspective with the albums "Reggaebilly" (recorded in Jamaica and Nashville), "Old and in the Gray" (with a line-up and tune similar to the 1973 classic "Old and in the Way"), and "High Lonesome Cowboy," on which Rowan and Don Edwards found the common ground of American roots music while harmonizing on cowboy ballads as well as Woody Guthrie and Bill Monroe standards.

This productivity follows an intense period of personal reflection for Rowan.

"About five years ago, I lost a few friends and didn't feel like recording," Rowan said. Among his musical compatriots who fell by the wayside were Charles Sawtell, Roy Huskey and Townes Van Zandt.

"I was left with a kind of empty feeling, and I withdrew," he said. Recharging his spirit at his Texas home, he came to the realization that "it was time to do things based on my vision." And that spurred him to return to projects he had set on the shelf.

Rowan plays Saturday at Down Home Music with his brothers Lorin and Chris, his musical collaborators during their Massachusetts childhood, plus banjo player Avram Siegel, fiddler Tom Bekeny and bassist Tom Martin.

For last year's album "Crazy People," the three brothers harmonized on old-time music, bluegrass and Tex-Mex, including two cuts with accordion legend Flaco Jimenez. With the same combination of material



PAUL CHENEY/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PETER ROWAN left Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys in the '60s to follow his own eclectic path, which led to reggae, cowboy ballads and Tex-Mex.

### CONCERT

WHAT: Rowan Brothers Acoustic Show

WHERE: Down Home Music, 10341 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12

TICKETS: Free

CALL: 510-525-2129

Rowan has bestowed on his audiences since he left Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys in the mid-'60s and began to follow his own path. "Crazy People" was Peter Rowan's fourth collaboration in 2002.

He plays guitar primarily, but in combination with other musicians he picks up a mandolin or banjo. As the eldest brother, he assumes the role of bandleader, though each brother is a bandleader in his own right. (Coincidentally, brother Lorin also plays in Peter's reggae band.)

"It's a special kind of torture that only brothers could understand," laughed Rowan. Lorin Rowan also doubles on guitar and mandolin, while Chris sticks to the guitar and high harmony vocals. Like many families that perform together, the Rowans excel at blending their voices into one pure sound.

"For our harmonies to be as

natural as can be, we need an acoustic setting," said Rowan.

"We need a bluegrass band that can really handle the material."

While you may hear bluegrass and Carter Family standards on Saturday, you're just as likely to hear Rowan-penned nuggets like "Land of the Navajo" and "Free Mexican Airforce," and more recent beauties like "Dust Bowl Children."

Rowan has married his New England boyhood obsession with cowboys and Indians to his adult experiences of a road musician. He is schooled in the strict discipline of Kentucky bluegrass, yet his music is informed by the freedom of the Beasts and the psychedelic age.

Rowan has a knack for animating a variety of characters — a homeless drifter, a peyote-smoking smuggler, an Okie migrant or a Chinese immigrant.

Rowan discussed the joy and struggle of playing with kin. "When we get together there's a nice spark and a musical agreement. I've accepted being the leader, and it's an issue of how to be fair and how to be creative," he said. Keeping a separate solo career, with a band including noted guitar slinger Tony Rice, gives him the freedom to express his entire musical vision, he said.

"I've come to agree with my destiny," he said. "I am a bluegrass musician, and I have to keep coming back to that. (Sometimes) it's the easiest way to get the point across."

But the vision still includes the common rhythmic skank of reggae guitar and bluegrass mandolin, what Rowan calls "two musical trees growing from the same roots."

Fans can expect Saturday's concert to push boundaries as only Rowan can.

"We'll do everything from hard-core bluegrass to kind of swampy, funky acoustic stuff," said Rowan. "To not be able to have it pinned down, that's cool. Who cares about the identity as long as it swings?"

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### EVENTS

#### STAGE

AURORA THEATRE — "Partition" by Ira Hauptman. April 17 through May 18. The story of Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan combines realistic scenes of his study at Cambridge with mystical visions of East Indian goddesses and mathematical icons.

\$32 to \$38. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or [www.auroratheatre.org](http://www.auroratheatre.org).

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "Surface Transit" by Sarah Jones. April 24 through May 18. A one-woman show, written and performed by Jones, explores the themes of race, religion, gender, all with a comedic slant and bits of political humor.

\$38 to \$54. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; 26 and May 10, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; May 3, 2 p.m.; May 17, 8 p.m.; April 27, May 4 and May 18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; May 11, 7 p.m. NO PERFORMANCES APRIL 25 AND MAY 14. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BRITIX or [www.berkeleyletrep.org](http://www.berkeleyletrep.org).

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "Cinderella Waltz" by Don Nigro. Through May 3. This takes the story of Cinderella and her Prince and little further. It examines the idea of love being something different and possibly dangerous.

\$13. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; April 13 and April 27, 2:30 p.m. 105 Park Place, Richmond. 510-232-4031 or [www.masquers.org](http://www.masquers.org).

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "The Vampires" by Harry Kondoleon. April 12 through May 10. A play that falls in the magical-surrealism genre, about a carpenter who would rather create art, his wife who supports and undermines him, his husband and a costume designer who thinks his husband is a vampire. They go about their lives living the constant dilemma of good versus evil.

\$18 general; \$12 children and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 510-655-0813 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org).

POPULAR MUSIC

ASHKENAZ — California Friends of Louisiana French Music, April 12, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$5 to \$8.

Kotoja, April 12, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

West African Refugee Community Celebration, April 14, 6:30 p.m. Live music and cuisine from West Africa, hosted by the International Rescue Committee. 415-663-3777 or [www.there.org](http://www.there.org).

Free

Motor Dude Zydeco, April 15, 8:30 p.m. Led by Billy Wilson, this band performs a high energy hybrid of Cajun and zydeco styles.

\$9.

Reggae Angels, Native Elements, One Groove and DJ Jah Light, April 19, 9 p.m. An evening of live reggae music.

\$13.

Wake the Dead, April 20, 8:30 p.m. An evening of dance and music involving a mixture of traditional Celtic jigs and reels with Grateful Dead songs, played on Irish harp and uilleann pipes.

\$14.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5055 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com).

BECKETT'S IRISH PUB — Nicole McRory, April 12.

Sterling Dervish, April 18.

Nicole McRory, April 19.

Session, April 20, 7 p.m.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com).

BERKELEY FELLOWSHIP OF UNIVERSALISTS — Bernard Gilbert, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

\$5 to \$10. Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. 510-540-0898.

BJORNSEN HALL — "Pillars of Hip-Hop," April 19, 7 p.m. This event celebrates the essence of hip-hop and its various forms, including break dancing, graffiti art and DJs. Performing artists include members of The Delinquent Monastery, Epic Center, NME and Chosen Ones Collective, who will be presenting their new and unique sound.

\$5. 2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-1901 or [www.subtractionproductions.com](http://www.subtractionproductions.com).

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Solemitz, April 12.

Sun Masons, Boomshanka, Reorchestra, April 13.

Spank, April 17.

Servants, Autopunch, Alive for Awhile, April 18.

Crown City Rockers, Lunar Heights, Feenom Circle, April 19.

\$3 to \$10 general unless otherwise noted. For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0866 or [www.blakesontelegraph.com](http://www.blakesontelegraph.com).

CATO'S ALE HOUSE — Motion Trio, April 12.

Casin Mission, April 13.

Charles Wheat, April 16.

Jose Roberto y Sus Amigos, April 19.

Jonah Minton Quartet, April 20.

Free. Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-655-3349 or [www.mrcato.com](http://www.mrcato.com).

DOWNTOWN — Jackie Ryan, April 11.

Mimi Fox, April 15.

Jules Broussard and Ned Boynton, April 16.

Keni El Lebjriano, April 17.

Tres Almas, April 18.

Post Junk Trio, April 19.

Free. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or [www.downtown-restaurant.com](http://www.downtown-restaurant.com).

FOO FIGHTERS — April 11, 7:30 p.m. With Transplants, Special Goodness.

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## Shotgun examines — critic or vampire



JACK TUCKER  
Community Theater



NINA AUSLANDER is Ziva in Harry Kondoleon's "The Vampires," by the Shotgun Players.

EARLY BIRDS HAVE one last shot tonight for a pay-what-you-can preview of "The Vampires," a Shotgun Players production opening tomorrow night at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., at Hearst Avenue, Berkeley. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

The darkly comic play by the late Harry Kondoleon runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., through May 10.

In "The Vampires," Kondoleon creates a day in the life of a strange suburban household — a carpenter turned playwright; his wife who strives both to support and subvert her husband, and a savaging drama critic. Or is he truly a vampire? Throw in a precocious heroin-junkie daughter, add another couple and there you have it.

Kondoleon wrote "The Vampires" in 1984, the year after he received the Obie Award for Most Promising Young Playwright. He died in 1994 at age 39, leaving an incredible legacy of 17 plays marked by bristling wit and twisted relationships.

Shotgun member Joanie McBrien is directing this production. It features the company's artistic director and founder, Patrick Dooley, along with Beth Donohue, Templetion, Kimberly Wilday, Nina Auslander, David Maier and Robert Martinez.

Tickets for opening night are \$20. Prices for the rest of the run are \$18 general, \$12 for seniors, TBA members and youths, and \$10 for everybody every Thursday. Call 510-704-8210, or check out [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org).

ORPHANED TWICE AT 13:

If you played an orphan in a hit musical last spring and you're cast as an orphan again in another musical opening tonight, don't worry about it. "Orphaned Twice" is a musical comedy about two orphans who are as smart as they are ugly, but they try to hide it. "Orphaned Twice" is for people who like musicals — for people who like musicals.

In addition to its story line, "Orphaned Twice" is populated with young

strip to give voice to the conservative political philosophy of its creator, Harold Gray (1894-1968). However, this factoid doesn't intrude heavily into the musical. Well, on the other hand, there's rich, bald and benevolent Daddy Warbucks whose name provides a tip-off to the creator's idea of an offhand source of wealth.

OTHER COMIC STRIP SHOWS: "Annie" is not the only musical based on comic strip characters. "Li'l Abner" in 1956 brought to life on stage the backwoods denizens of Dogpatch, including the strong-as-a-mule title character with a brain to match; his ever-lovin' Daisy Mae, and Mammy and Pappy Yokum; Marryin' Sam, Evil Eye Fleagle, the revered Confederate hero Jubilation T. Cornpone and many others. Al Capp, the strip's creator, also slipped in some snide anti-establishment political asides in his daily strips.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," populated with young stars from the late Charles M. Schulz's much-loved "Peanuts" (still carried in re-runs in the Times) was a low-budget, warm-hearted success on Broadway in 1967. The original Charlie, incidentally, was played by Gary Burghoff who went on to become Radar; the prescient company clerk in the TV series "M\*A\*S\*H."

So much for the funnies. Let's get back to business.

WORLD PREMIERE AT AURORA: The world premiere of Ira Hauptman's new drama, "Partition," begins in preview performances tonight at Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Previews continue at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 8 p.m. next Wednesday. Show opens April 17 and plays at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays through May 18. No 7 p.m. show on April 13.

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# charan group bringing ancient traditions here

Andrew Gilbert  
CORRESPONDENT  
rucks in Emeryville are like an odd place to be, dry wind of the San Joaquin, watching a video of Tuareg men swaying while a semi-circle, pounding out a dance rhythm with hand and pestle tinsel percussion. A series of agile moves from a crouching position, the desert as almost palpable. The video came courtesy of Issa Mohamed, director of the Timbuktu Heritage Institute, who filmed the celebration of a recent trip back to his home, and sent it to illustrate the kind of celebration that is taking place on stages in the Bay Area next week, as the group Ensemble Tartit performs a part of a U.S. tour under way to raise awareness of Tuareg culture.

From the same region of Mali as Mohamed, women and four men make up the ensemble performing dances, chants and songs of a desert lifestyle that has been preserved for millennia in the Tuareg culture.

"We really have the feeling of being around a Tuareg camp," says Alison Lomax, tour manager. "It's not just music, but the subtle eye movements, which is what makes the Tuareg makes its debut on Tuesday as part of the UC Santa Cruz's Global Music and Arts Festival.

On Wednesday, the group joins with Mohamed at a workshop on Tuareg culture in Berkeley, in the Timbuktu Heritage Institute, offering a demonstration of Tuareg music and

centuries, the Tuareg rulers of the Sahara, who traversed the vast expanse forging long-lasting political and economic links west and north Africa. The great empires of Mali in the 11th and 12th centuries, the Tuareg — or Kel Tamas, as they call them-



ENSEMBLE TARTIT'S tour includes stops in Santa Cruz and Berkeley.

## PREVIEW

- WHO: Ensemble Tartit
- WHEN: 8 p.m. Wednesday
- WHERE: Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley
- HOW MUCH: \$10-\$15
- CONTACT: 510-525-5054, [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

has worked with the Tuareg community in Niger for 30 years. "What's interesting to me is the Tuareg are liminal people who exist in transition between people typed as Berber, Mediterranean and African. They are part of both, or neither, or all of the above."

A devastating drought in the 1970s and '80s almost wiped out the Tuareg way of life, killing off camels and goats and forcing most Tuareg to settle in cities. A rebellion against Mali's military government in the early '90s dispersed the Tuareg further, leaving many exiled in refugee camps in Mauritania, Algeria and Burkina Faso. Fadimata Walett Oumar, Ensemble Tartit's founder, was working with the United Nations in a Burkina Faso refugee camp when she assembled the group for a music festival in Belgium in 1995.

Related to North Africa's indigenous Amazigh (or Berber) peoples, the Tuareg resisted French colonialism into the late 19th century, earning a reputation as fierce and wily desert warriors.

With the end of French colonial rule in the 1960s, Tuareg society found itself divided by the borders of five new countries: Algeria, Libya, Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta).

"Most people say it's a loose confederation of people speaking a similar language and somewhat similar cultural practices," says Thomas K. Seligman, who

recorded a gorgeous CD, "Ichchilah" (Network), that features both traditional songs and new pieces addressing the Tuareg present-day situation. The extremely simple instruments are small and easily transportable, such as the *imzad*, a one-stringed violin made from a gourd, and the *tinde*, a wooden mortar used to grind grains that becomes a percussion instrument when covered by a goatskin.

While Mali has produced some of Africa's best-known artists, international stars including Ali Farka Toure, Oumou Sangare and Habib Koite, Ensemble Tartit has performed across Europe with a startlingly beautiful sound unlike better-known Malian groups.

"It's a sound that's really a result of the exodus that the Tuareg has experienced," Mohamed says. "This is a new wave. They were feeling the pain of separation. They were saddened with the conditions of the Tuareg. We had become destitute. It put us in a state of shock. We are part of Mali. We contributed to the political, commercial and social development of Mali. When you listen to these songs, it makes you want to go back to the Sahara, to the Tuareg life. The music is a way of preserving what makes us Tuareg."

## Events

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\$27.50. Henry J. Kaiser Arena, 10 Tenth St., Oakland. 415-421-TIXS, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Utah

Philips, April 12, \$19.50 to \$20.50. Kalman Balogh and the Gypsy Cimbalom Band, April 13, \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Carol Denney, April 16, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Patty Larkin, April 17 and April 18, \$18.50 to \$19.50.

Reilly and Maloney, April 19, \$18.50 to \$19.50.

Nigerian Brothers, April 20, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or [www.freightandsalvage.org](http://www.freightandsalvage.org)

KIMBALL'S EAST — Stanley Jordan, April 11 through April 13, \$26.

Patty Austin, April 18 through April 20, \$30.

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. East Bay Public Market, 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 510-658-2555 or 510-762-BASS or [www.kimballs.com](http://www.kimballs.com).

#### LA MUSICAL CENTER — Grupo Raiz, April 11, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14

De Rompe y Raja, April 12, 8:30 p.m. \$15.

Two Tricks, April 13, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$50.

Mingus Amungo and Peter Escovedo, April 18, 8:30 p.m. \$12 to \$15.

Collective Soul, The Basics, Deuce Eclipse, The Attik, Isis, April 19, 8:30 p.m. \$10.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org)

#### "LISTEN AND BE HEARD" — Vallejo's

only weekly open mic and jam session, featuring poetry and live music.

\$7. Rafael's Bar, 301 Nebraska St., Vallejo. (707) 645-1333 or [www.cinaphone.com](http://www.cinaphone.com)

#### MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB — Sea

Chanteys and Sons of the Waterways, Tuesdays, 8 to 11 p.m.

Free. 1539 Lincoln Ave., Alameda. 510-522-6232 or [www.mcgrathspub.com](http://www.mcgrathspub.com)

#### 924 GILMAN ST. — This Bike is a Pipe

Bomb, Bananas, Operation Make Out, Pix the Pilot, Stalker Potential, April 11, 8 p.m.

Butches, Free Verse, April 13, 5 p.m.

Groove Ghouls, Apers, Mallrats, Mind, April 18.

Plan 9, Lo Fi Neisans, Punk Rock Orchestra, Find Him and Kill Him, Doppelganger, April 19.

Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926.

#### PARAMOUNT THEATRE — Fred Ham-

mond and the Radicals for Chnst, April 12, 8 p.m.

\$29.50 to \$41.50. 2025 Broadway, Oak-

land. 925-685-TIXS, 510-625-TIXS,

415-421-TIXS or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE — Starboard Watch, Thursdays, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland 510-536-2050.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Winfred E

Eye, Sonny Smith, Bart Davenport, April 11, \$6.

David Allen's University of Errors, Faun Fables, April 12, \$8.

Darryl Cherney, April 13, \$9.50 p.m. to \$10.

Francine Allen, April 17, 9:30 p.m. to \$10.

Smelly Kelly's Plain High Drifters, Yard Sale, Neighborly Deeds, April 18, \$6.

High Water Rising, Noelle Hampton, Merrweather, April 19, \$5.

Irish Music Session, April 20, 8 p.m.

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2028.

YOSHIS' — Christian McBride Band, April 11 through April 13, \$18.

Bruback Institute Jazz Quintet, April 14, \$10.

Elvin Jones Jazz Machine, April 15 through April 20, \$12 to \$28.

Sunday Children's Matinee, \$10 per adult with one child, \$5 children.

Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or [www.yoshis.com](http://www.yoshis.com) or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### CAL PERFORMANCES — Camerata

Sweden, April 11, 8 p.m. A program of works by Grieg, Atterberg, Litholm and Bartok. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley, \$38.

University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, 510-642-9988 or [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu)

### CHAMBER MUSIC SUNDAES —

Navarro Trio, April 13, 3:15 p.m. They will be performing works by Handel, Halvorsen, Beethoven and Brahms.

\$18 general, \$14 students/seniors. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 415-584-5946.

### GOLD COAST CHAMBER PLAYERS —

"Joys and Passions," April 10 and April 12. A program of works by Mozart, Brahms and Wallach. Guest artist: composer Joelle Wallach.

Thursday, 8 p.m.; Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School St., Lafayette. 925-283-1557.

Saturday, 8 p.m.; Garrick Mansion, 900 Union St., Alameda. 925-283-3728.

\$25 general, \$22 senior; 10 student. 925-283-3728 or [www.gcpplayers.org](http://www.gcpplayers.org)

### ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA —

"Tribute to Giuseppe Chiari," April 14, 7:30 p.m. Directed by Annamaria Lelli.

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and killing skills who countless government assassins one of his former star men (a mumbler, seemingly dead Benito Del Toro), goes becomes a menace. L.T. is here behind Aaron in the as if he's picking up the eager, harried retriever who fears his dog. Jones tries hard to sell everything. — M. Polis. (R: violence and comedy.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. D-

**CANYON:** Square medevac Sam (Christian Bale) moves into his ultra-cool mountain house in the hills. Mom was supposed to validate her cutting an affair with her hot young boyfriend (Alessandro

sending enticing vibes to allegedly upright fiancee inside). If you relish Vandy in which celebrity intersects at L.A.'s hip医

and vacuous artist director — R. Butler. (G) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B-

**"THE PIANIST":** This restrained yet emotionally ruinous film set in Warsaw during the Nazi occupation marks a triumphant return for director Roman Polanski. Thanks to his celebrity, Polish pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) is spared from the concentration camps, spending the next two years relying on the kindness of strangers, at times quite literally a prisoner, isolated and locked into abandoned apartments, visited only occasionally by Resistance members. His very endurance is remarkable. Having given up piano-tinkling nightmares of the imagination in the past ("Rosemary's Baby," "Repulsion"), this time Polanski lets reality give this movie its quiet, straightforward power. Be prepared to cry, but know too that the movie is worth the anguish it generates. — M. Polis. (R: violence and brief strong language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

**"RABBIT-PROOF FENCE":** Compelling true tale marks director Phillip Noyce's return to his Australian homeland after 15 years in Hollywood. Beautiful, taut drama examines both the strengths and weaknesses of humankind through the story of young Aboriginal girl taken from their homes to become servants. — S. Rea. (PG) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

**"SPIDER":** If you're a fan of David Cronenberg's customary sick-and-twisted oeuvre ("eXistenZ," "Dead Ringers"), you might be disappointed by "Spider," which is surprisingly staid and tragic and sad, but there's nothing to give you the shivers later. Ralph Fiennes plays a mental patient whose release to a halfway house in the London neighborhood where he grew up prompts him to recall traumatic events involving his mother (Miranda Richardson) and father (Gabriel Byrne) and his own burgeoning sexuality. Fiennes is a mannered pain in the arse, but Richardson is so brilliant, she makes the movie worth seeing. — M. Polis. (R: sexuality, brief violence and language.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B-

**"THE RINGS: THE FATHER":** The second installment of Peter Jackson's big-budget adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic fantasy "The Lord of the Rings" is as intoxicating as last "Fellowship." Jackson expertly gathers three distinct journeys — the one he's been on, the one he's created a Middle Earth for, and the one he's devoted only to his son, Frodo. It's a fantastic film. The special effects

are superb, the story is engrossing, the performances are superb. — G. H. Hardy (David

Water) 2 hours, 55 minutes. PG-13. \$28. Regular, Thursday and Sunday evenings. \$32. Fridays and performances are \$34. Most men, one a

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**JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS** — Pt. Rajeev Taranath, April 19, 8 p.m. Pt. Rajeev Taranath on sard and Abhiman Kaushal on tabla.

\$22 general; \$18 seniors and students. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, 925-798-1300 or [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**SAN FRANCISCO EARLY MUSIC SOCIETY** — "El Siglo de Oro," April 12, 8 p.m. Hopkinson Smith on lute and vihuela de mano. He will be performing Renaissance-period music for England and Spain.

\$22 general; \$19 seniors. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-1725 or [www.sfems.org](http://www.sfems.org).

**UC BERKELEY MUSIC DEPARTMENT** — "Cal Day: University Open House," April 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An all-day music event with the University Symphony performing works by Brahms, Academic Festival Overture and Saint-Saëns. Free.

**University Chorus**, April 12, 8 p.m. Conducted by Marika Kuzma, performing works by Brahms, \$2 to \$8.

**African Music and Dance Ensemble**, April 19, 8 p.m. Directed by C.K. Ladekpo, featuring traditional dance and drumming of West and Central Africa. \$2 to \$8.

**NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES** — Free admission.

**Baritone Axel Van Chee and mezzo-soprano Anne Marie Darrow**, April 11. Van Chee performs songs by Grieg, and Darrow performs a piece by Manuel de Falla.

**Violinist Shaw Pong Liu, cellist Jody Redgrave, pianist Monica Chew**, April 16. A performance of works by Debussy and Ravel.

**Flautist Cathy Olsen, pianist Brian Christian**, April 18. A performance of works by Dutilleux, Ibert and Messiaen.

**Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue**, UC Berkeley.

**DANCE**

**ASHKENAZ** — Motor Duke Zydeco, April 15, 7:30 p.m. Cajun dance lesson with Cheryl McBride at 8 p.m., followed by a concert of high energy Cajun and zydeco music. \$9.

**Djaiy Kunda Kouyaté**, April 18, 9:30 p.m. A Senegalese dance and music ensemble that is led by twin brothers, Assane and Ousseynou Kouyaté. Their performances are a blend of West African folk music and contemporary rhythms played on indigenous instruments. [www.musicot-celebrateslife.com](http://www.musicot-celebrateslife.com). \$13.

**Wake the Dead**, April 20, 8:30 p.m. An evening of dance and music involving a mixture of traditional Celtic jigs and reels with Grateful Dead songs, played on Irish harp and uilleann pipes. \$14.

**1317 San Pablo Avenue**, Berkeley, 510-525-5055 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com).

**STARRY PLOUGH PUB** — "Dance Class & Ceili," Mondays, 7 p.m. Traditional Irish music and dance.

"The Starry Session," Sundays, 8 p.m. Irish traditional music and song led by Shay Black. Sliding scale.

For age 21 and over. Dance lesson at 7 p.m.; music at 9 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-2082.

**OUTDOORS**

**BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL** — The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY** — "Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides," Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. A vigorous ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon Regional Parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace, fast. Meeting place: In front of the North Berkeley BART Station, 510-849-9650.

"Lake Chabot Bike Rides," Thursdays, 6:15 a.m. These rides are for strong

beginners and intermediates to build skill, strength and endurance at a non-hammerhead pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Distance: 14 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting place: Lake Chabot Road at the main entrance to the park, 510-468-3582.

"Mountain Bike Basics." Every second Saturday of the month. The Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay teaches mountain bike classes monthly. Learn to ride prepared, responsibly, and skillfully. The ride will include a slice of the Ridge Trail. A short 10-mile group ride usually follows the class. Helmets required and participants must have bicycles in good working condition. Bring water and energy bars. Rain may cancel. Reservations required. At Bort Meadow, Anthony Chabot Regional Park, Redwood Road, Oakland, 925-258-9118.

Free. 415-561-2595 or [www.ridetrail.org](http://www.ridetrail.org).

**BROOKS ISLAND** — "Brooks Island Adventure," April 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guided, instructional trip to Brooks Island. For ages 14 and up. Registration required.

\$85 to \$95. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond, 510-636-1684 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER** — "Wild Pond, City Pond," April 12, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An in-depth look at the pond at the park to learn about its ecosystem and food chains.

"Hairy Beasts: Land Mammals," April 13, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about mammals' food, how they defend themselves and how people and mammals affect each other's lives. For children ages 6 and above. Registration required. \$3.

"Nature Writers," April 13, 11 a.m. to noon. Explore the cove while making observations of nature. Bring blank notebook and learn about the shoreline animals.

"Sea Squirts," April 15, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The theme is "Wonderful Water."

For children age 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. The program offers outdoor exploration and a theme related craft plus a snack. Younger siblings may join in. Reservations required. \$5 to \$7. 510-521-6887.

"April's For the Birds," April 17, 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. Begin the day with a learning experience — join Crab Cove to learn about shorebirds before they leave for the Arctic.

"Meet the Shorebirds," April 19, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about the visiting and local shorebirds and why their beaks and feet help them survive, and talk about their travels and the dangers they might run into.

"Pond Exploration," April 19, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. In the spring, ponds are the perfect place to spot nesting birds, turtles, bullfrogs and more.

"Super Solutions For Earth Day," April 19, 11 a.m. to noon. Join the fun and learn about Earth-friendly solutions to celebrate Earth Day. For ages 5 to 8.

"Easter Egg Hunt-Estuaries Eggs-ploration," April 20, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Take an easy walk and hunt for snail, worm, fish and Easter eggs.

"If the Easter Bunny was a Bat," April 20, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Test your bat IQ while learning if the bat is related to the bunny. For ages 5 and above. Free unless otherwise noted. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda, 510-521-6887 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE** — 6 through Sept. 21. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

**STARREY GROVE REGIONAL RECREATION AREA** — The 95-acre park contains picnic areas, horseshoe pits and volleyball courts among its grove of aromatic eucalyptus trees.

\$4 parking. Through September: daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, 510-223-7840 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**OAKLAND ZOO** — The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a

miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop as well as the animals in site-specific exhibits, which allow them to roam freely. Included are "The African Savanna" with its two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits; the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) with African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world; "Simba Por," Swahili for "Lion Country," a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for African lions; "Footprints from the Past," an anthropology exhibit showcasing 4 million years of human evolution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna; "Sun Bear Exhibit," a state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears; and Siamang Island, a state-of-the-art, barrier-free area that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat.

**EXHIBIT** — "Mountain Lions" ongoing.

An exhibit designed to educate people about the mountain lion, its habitat, physiology, history in California, and myths that surround these mammals. In addition there is a film titled

"Cougar: Elusive Predator" by the Discovery Channel in the Children's Theater. At the Education Center. Open daily during Zoo hours. Free with regular Zoo admission.

**SPECIAL EVENT** — "Earth Day," April 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day at the Zoo with live entertainment, Earth stations, interactive exhibits and

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Information: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center, 540 Water St., Oakland. 510-266-2565 or [www.uspotomac.org](http://www.uspotomac.org).

REGIONAL PARK —

"Fragile Fauna," April 19, noon to 1:30 p.m. Experienced packers will guide this tour. You will have the opportunity to lead a llama for part of the trip. Cancellations will not be accepted two weeks before the trip. This is for children 8 years and under. Registration is required.

\$38, \$4 for parking. 7861 Redwood Road, Oakland. 510-636-1684 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

ARTS & OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT — A series of lectures and outdoor equipment

hands-on Bicycle Repair Clinic," April 27, May 4 and May 11, 10 a.m. to noon. A REI bike technician

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REGIONAL PARK — "Leaf

Art," April 12, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bring a plain, light colored T-

shirt to decorate with leaves. \$3.

"Your Own Flower Press," April

13 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Construct

your own flower press

home. For ages 4 and above.

Registration required. \$6 to \$8.

"String Demonstration," April 12,

1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn how

to spin into yarn, try out a drop

spindle and learn about the park's

Welsh Mountain Sheep.

"Gals," April 13, 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Search for insects and other

organisms that cause swellings on plant

that are homes for offspring.

"Fishing," April 13, 7 a.m. to 2

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ner. Spend three hours at Lake Anza

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tor, then learn from three hours of

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ARTS & OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT —

Guided docent tours of the gar-

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and Zines," April 16 through May 18. An exhibit featuring the best Area CD and LP cover art and which are small, do-it-yourself ones. This exhibit focuses on the theme and character of the alternative and culture scene. In the West

"Artists Only," April 16 through May 18. An exhibit featuring the work of the Wood Art Center members. In the West

Reception, May 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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"Shadow Dance: Make An Eclipse,"

ongoing. Create different types of

solar and lunar eclipses, activate

sensors on the exhibit floor,

and learn about eclipse

myths, rituals and

celebrations found in many

world cultures. This

multimedia exhibit changes with

each visit.

"Touch the Sun," ongoing. Watch solar

movies, explore the nature of light,

learn about the mythology surrounding

the sun, and about real-time solar

energy usage from the Science

Center's solar panels.

"Solar-B: See the Sun in a New Light,"

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"Our Place in the Universe," ongoing. A walking tour of the universe using 3-D technologies and featuring the Holograms, on permanent loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

"Planetary Landscapes: Sculpting the Solar System," ongoing. Wander through a room of swirling atmospheres, bubbling calderas, and sea of clouds in this exhibit of interactive sculptures by artist Ned Kahn.

"Planet Trek," through June. A trek through the Solar System, featuring planets and their moons.

"Astronomy in California 1850-1950: Observatories, Telescope Makers and their Instruments," ongoing. Explore California's astronomical history through a display of telescopes, artifacts, and the histories of their makers, on loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

"The Origin and Meaning of Meteorites," ongoing. A mural by artists Joy Day and B.E. Johnson, accompanied by a case of meteorite samples.

"Shadow Dance: Make An Eclipse," ongoing. Create different types of solar and lunar eclipses, activate sensors on the exhibit floor, and learn about eclipse myths, rituals and celebrations found in many world cultures. This multimedia exhibit changes with each visit.

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"The Human Body," ongoing. A movie about the inner workings of the human body in a large-format film.

"The Living Sea," ongoing. The film celebrates the beauty, power and importance of the ocean. Produced in association with The National Maritime Center, the Ocean Film Network and Dr. Robert Ballard.

"Mysteries of Egypt," ongoing. Experience the magic and mystery of Egypt by soaring over the great pyramids of Giza, crossing the remote Valley of the Kings, and descending into the shadowy chambers of the sacred tomb of King Tutankhamen.

"To Be An Astronaut," ongoing. Venture inside the gates of NASA to experience the rigors of astronaut training.

Sci-Fi/Adventure Film Friday through Sunday Night Screenings. Call for show times.

SPECIAL EVENT — Fluvio Melia, April 12, 6:30 p.m. The author will discuss and sign his new book, "Black Hole at the Center of Our Galaxy." Free with general admission.

The Amazing Maze," ongoing. In a 1,000 square foot area there is a maze of colorful, eight-foot-high plastic panels that will take you this way and that and challenge you to find a way out. For all ages.

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to 2:30 p.m. For teams of adults and children ages 11 and up. Design, build and present a proposal to NASA for a STARDUST spacecraft. Bring a lunch. \$45 per team.

TELESCOPE MAKERS' WORKSHOP — A weekly workshop open to all ages, in which a volunteer group will help people build their own telescopes. No experience necessary. Everyone works at their own pace. Attendance weekly is not mandatory. Meetings are Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. No meetings on major holidays that fall on a Friday or on Memorial Day Weekend. 925-447-6837 or 510-339-9224.

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"Wonders of the Milky Way," ongoing. This tour of the Milky Way Galaxy, beginning with the formation billions of years ago, surveys the wonders discovered by modern astronomy.

"The Sky Tonight," ongoing. A look at the current stars, constellations, and planets, the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Milky Way. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT — "A King's Dance: Jupiter Eclipse Event," April 10, 7 p.m. to midnight. Witness one of the rare events of the Solar System, the eclipse of Jupiter by one of its moons that also eclipse each other. The event also features planetarium shows illustrating this act of nature. \$12. 510-336-7373 or [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

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## Events

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"Invention Timeline." Humans have been inventing for thousands of years. Find your place in time among scientific inventions. "Magic School Bus" Video Festival, April 19, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Spend the day with seven different "Magic School Bus" videos.

\$8 general; \$6 seniors, students, disabled, and youths age 5 to 18; \$4 children age 3 to 4; free children age 2 and younger. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132 or [www.lhs.berkeley.edu](http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu).

**CODY'S BOOKSTORES** — TELEGRAPH AVENUE — Kinky Friedman, April 11. The author will talk about his book, "Kill Two Birds and Get

Stoned."

Oscar Casares, April 14. The author will talk about his book, "Brownsville."

Atul Gawande, April 15. The author will discuss his book, "Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science."

Tamim Ansary, April 16. This author will talk about his book, "West of Kabul, East of New York: An Afghan American Story."

A.J. Albany, April 18. The author will discuss his book, "Low Down: Junk, Jazz and Other Fairy Tales From Childhood." She will be introduced by music critic, Greil Marcus.

POETRY AT CODY'S — 7:30 p.m. Poetry and Fiction with Teresa Svoboda and Maxine Chernoff, April 13.

Albert Flynn DeSilver and Katy Lederer, April 20.

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave.,

Berkeley. 510-845-7852

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** — MAIN BRANCH — 125 14th St. 510-238-3134 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org).

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Free. 2090 Kirtledge St., Berkeley. 510-981-6195.

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"Indian Summer of Love."

Free. The Pardee Home, 672 11th St.,

"Toddler Story-time," Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

1687 Mountain Blvd. 510-482-7810.

**WEST OAKLAND BRANCH** — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays,

4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

1801 Adeline St. 510-587-5049.

Free. Oakland. 510-238-3134 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org).

**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY** — Haiku Writing Contest and Programs, through June 6. Entries to the Haiku Contest must be original haiku written in this traditional form and submitted to the Library by March 15. Prizes will be awarded at the April 4 reading of the entries. Programs to celebrate poetry and haiku will be held at various branches throughout the spring.

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### MUSEUMS

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY** — "Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

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"The Art of Seeing: Nature Revealed through Illustration," through April 22. An exhibition with recent work by 48 artists depicting plants and animals and a mural by a group of 21 art students.

"Quizzical Eye: The Personal Art of Ron Partridge," through April 22. An exhibition of 100 pieces, including photo cubes, collage, mixed media works and a portrait of his darkroom.

**LECTURE** — "Bee Pollinators, Garden," April 17, 12:30 p.m. Entomologist Eric Mussel discusses the importance of pollination and the cycles of common pollinators.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under. All on the second Sunday of the month. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org).

**EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS** — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

**OKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA** — "State of Emergency: Disaster Response in California," through April 27. An exhibition offering a historical overview of disasters beginning with the 1906 San Francisco. The exhibit includes Maggie Hallahan's photograph.

**SPECIAL EVENT** — Larry M. Levy, April 12, 10 a.m. The author will discuss his book, "Indian Summer of Love."

\$5 general; free children under 12. House Tours: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. 510-637-0200 or [www.pardeehome.org](http://www.pardeehome.org).

**PARDEE HOME MUSEUM** — Pardee Mansion, a three-story manor built in 1868, was the home of three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in the cultural development of California. The home includes house, grounds, water tower, barn, reservoirs. Recommended.

**APRIL** — "Strawberry Market at El Cerrito," April 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The author will discuss his book, "Indian Summer of Love."

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Section D

HERYL JENSEN  
Down the Road

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**MOTOR MATTERS**  
In the Insurance Institute for  
Safety recently crash-  
tested the bumpers of seven new  
cars, all but one was rated  
"good." Seven included large luxury  
cars as well as mid-size and small  
family vehicles.

Best, because it sustained  
the least damage, was the Honda  
Accord, which is classified as a  
"small SUV." It was rated "acceptable."  
It sustained an average of  
\$66 in damage in four different test  
models.

Among the worst performers  
was the Volvo XC90 in the SUV cat-  
egory, which sustained an average  
of \$66 in damage, and the In-  
surance Institute for Safety gave the  
large luxury car an average of \$1,445 in

Institute conducts four tests at  
a vehicle, with all impacts at  
an angle. In the test, the XC90 has been widely  
praised for safety features, includ-  
ing side-impact air bags and side-  
curtain air bags.

Wrong! The all-new 2004 model  
is markedly better.

This car will be introduced at the  
New York Auto Show next week and  
become available at dealerships in  
September. I had an opportunity to  
drive the CLK320 and CLK500 on the  
island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean.

In the simplest test, front-  
end barrier, the damage ex-  
tended beyond the bumper

See ROAD, Page D2



THE 2004 MODEL of Mercedes-Benz CLK Cabriolet offers two engines and plenty of amenities to make it a fun and safe car to drive. It's also a convertible that seats four comfortably.

**MOTOR MATTERS**

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With the top down, an air-buffering screen diminishes annoying air rush noise, thus conversation can be held at a normal speaking level.

The new models now have more interior comfort for all four passengers.

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**TOM KEANE**  
Kearie on Wheels

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The trunk won't hold four golf bags, but with the top up, it could accommodate two small golf bags plus luggage.

For those who enjoy winter sports, I'm told a ski bag is an option.

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The CLK320 has a 3.2-liter V6 engine that produces 215 horsepower and rides on 16-inch, seven-spoke wheels that give it an eye-catching appearance.

What's even more attractive is the CLK500 model with a 5.0-liter V8 engine that produces 302 horsepower.

This model also accommodates the AMG sport package to fulfill the desires of just about any buyer — with money to spend.

These cars will range between \$50,000 to \$76,000. Knowing there

are such buyers who will spend the top dollar to get the best, Mercedes-Benz expects to sell 10,000 units a year.

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# 1955 Cadillac Series 62 now making the tour

MOTOR MATTERS

As far as Franklin Gage is aware, no one in his family, nor any acquaintance, has ever owned a 1955 Cadillac.

Consequently, he surprised even himself in early 2002 when an ad for a 1955 Cadillac Series 62 four-door sedan in Wyckoff, N.J., caught his eye.

The ad explained that the owner wanted to sell the car so he could spend more time with his family. Gage surmised that the owner's wife was tired of the car and had given him an ultimatum.

Gage telephoned the owner and found that the low-mileage Cadillac was in original condition, with the exception of the paint. The buyer and seller could not agree on a price and parted amicably.

Three months had transpired when Gage was surprised to receive a call from the seller inquiring if he was still interested in the luxury car. Yes, he was.

As luck would have it, later in that same month of May, the Antique Automobile Club of America had scheduled the Eastern Division Tour to begin in Vineland, N.J., 150 or so miles south of the New York City suburb where the Cadillac was located.

Gage arranged to get to the Cadillac where the transaction was to take place. The odometer at the time had recorded just 71,191 miles.

The Cadillac was everything that the owner had claimed. When the dark blue Cadillac left the factory it was light blue.

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"I'm glad somebody professionally painted it dark blue," Gage said. The darker color seems more in keeping with such a formal automobile.

With only a cursory inspection of the Cadillac and the assurance of the owner, Gage climbed behind the two-spoke steering wheel and drove off to join the antique car tour. Six days and 1,000 miles later, Gage drove his car home to Greenbelt, Md.

He had set off on the adventure with the idea that if the car broke down, he would have it towed and would rent a car.

But the mechanical health of the Cadillac proved to be better than Gage anticipated.

He discovered that his car was the most popular model that Cadillac produced in 1955. About 45,000 of the six-passenger sedans were built.

His car is equipped with extra-cost accessories including: Air conditioning, \$620, radio and antenna for \$132, heater and vent system for \$129, power windows for \$108, four-way power seat for \$70, and power brakes for \$48.

The cost of all these accessories was tacked onto the \$3,977 base price of the car.

To assist the air conditioner with climate control, the windows in the car are tinted



THIS CADILLAC was most popular model in 1955. Owner purchased it in original condition except for darker blue.

E-Z-Eye glass. The air conditioner is in the trunk.

Air captured by the two scoops on the hindquarters of the car is fed to the air conditioner, after which it is pumped into the passenger compartment through a pair of tubes from the package shelf to the headliner.

The tubes are transparent to avoid hindering the driver's view to the rear.

Although the four side windows are electrically operated, the front wing vents are still operated with a hand crank. The rear vent windows are merely pushed open and pulled shut.

A courtesy light under the lip of the padded dashboard illuminates the elegantly

upholstered front seat when either front door is opened. Opening either back door activates the dome light.

The big 331-cubic-inch overhead-valve V8 engine generates 250 horsepower while delivering remarkable efficiency — more than 20 miles per gallon — outstanding for a 4,375-pound car.

A set of 8.00x15-inch white sidewall tires mounted on a 129-inch wheelbase supports the 18-foot-long Cadillac. Hydramatic transmissions became standard equipment on Cadillacs in 1955.

A dual-exhaust system also was standard, probably because the design of the rear bumper called for twin pipes.

The Florentine curve of the rear roof line

is especially attractive with the still-subtle tail fins. Following them, the gasoline cap is hidden left taillight.

Because the windows are a says he was surprised to see him

shield wipers are vacuum-powered.

Gage has owned the Cadillac more than a year, however, in his first week has encouraged him

in many more touring events.

"I like to drive my car," he

If you have a vehicle of interest, send it to "Classic Classics" readers, write to: 4635 Bailey Drive, Wilmette, IL 60080-4109 detailing its merits.

## Keane

FROM PAGE D1

Getting into the rear seats is very easy when the backrest of the front seat moves forward.

The rear seats offer plenty of room plus automatic seat belts and height-adjustable head rest that can be lowered by a button on the dashboard.

I lost count of the number of automatic controls in the CLK, but when a car has a rain sensor for the windscreens and can automatically adjust the climate for both front and rear passengers you know it has all the amenities anyone could desire in an automobile.

## Road

FROM PAGE D1

"The XC90's hood was raised and the latch jammed," said Lund. When it was backed into a pole, the result was \$2,238 in damage.

"There's basically no reinforcement in the XC90's rear bumper system. In fact, it does virtually nothing to keep damage away from the vehicle body," Lund said.

"Not only did the tailgate require replacement, but the rear body panel and floor pan were crushed and the whole bumper system had to be replaced."

The Volvo was not the only vehicle that performed poorly when backed into a pole. The Acura RL racked up \$2,188 in damage and the Cadillac CTS required \$2,049 in repairs.

In rear-impact test, the Element racked up only \$594 in damage. In the same test, a competitor in the SUV category, the Mitsubishi Outlander, cost \$1,217 to repair.

Because the Q45's headlights are particularly expensive, it sustained \$2,661 in damage when the vehicle hit a front barrier at an angle.

Automakers generally object to the tests, saying they are too severe and do not reflect real-world mishaps.

The institute says the tests are valid and vehicles that do poorly are likely to cost consumers more in insurance.

The institute's test is far more demanding than the federal government requires, which is that cars must handle a 2.5-mph impact without any damage to safety-related parts, such as headlights or body panels.

The bumper itself, however, can be destroyed. There is no standard for SUVs or pickup trucks.

Before 1983, there was a 5-mph standard for cars that allowed only minor damage to the bumper, no damage to the sheet metal and no damage to headlights or turn signals.

But during a gas shortage, the government changed it to 2.5 mph because of complaints that the big bumpers hurt fuel economy.

The insurance institute has argued that fuel economy has not improved and has urged the federal government to bring back the 5-mph standard. However, the weaker standard has remained.

This is how each vehicle fared:

**Acura RL:** Front flat barrier: \$461; rear flat barrier: \$149; front angle: \$1,613; rear pole: \$2,188; average: \$1,103.

**Lincoln Town Car:** Front flat barrier: \$559; rear flat barrier: \$1,099; front angle: \$1,771; rear pole: \$1,160; average: \$1,147.

**Cadillac CTS:** Front flat barrier: \$531; rear flat barrier: \$648; front angle: \$1,460; rear pole: \$2,049; average: \$1,172.

**Infiniti Q45:** Front flat barrier: \$657; rear flat barrier: \$1,252; front angle: \$2,661; rear pole: \$1,208; average: \$1,445.

**Volvo XC90:** Front flat barrier: \$774; rear flat barrier: \$888; front angle: \$722; rear pole: \$2,238; average: \$1,156.

**Honda Element:** Front flat barrier: \$512; rear flat barrier: \$346; front angle: \$697; rear pole: \$594; average: \$537.

**Mitsubishi Outlander:** Front flat barrier: \$959; rear flat barrier: \$984; front angle: \$1,042; rear pole: \$1,217; average: \$1,051.

smaller engine. Climbing winding mountain roads that seemed to go straight up, the CLK had plenty of power.

But for those who really enjoy performance, the 5.0-liter V8 engine is much more exciting.

Incidentally, the CLK500 is the only Cabriolet that offers a V8 engine.

Climbing the mountain, my arms got a good workout due to the constant need to turn the zig-zagging uphill roads.

The steering is one of the best of any car I've driven.

As the CLK includes distronics, which is a cruise control system that uses an intelligence system to allow for safe driving distance.

It also features keyless access, a voice-activated telephone, radio and navigational system and powerful bi-xenon headlamps.

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**Q** I recently had a stuck power window repaired. The technician I spoke with told me how the windows were controlled by computer, rather than with switches and wires.

Fortunately my problem was a minor one, as the window had simply jumped its track. Why would the car company make things even more complicated than before?

I shudder at the thought of replacing a computer or whatever else might be involved should that part of the car break.

Can you explain the merits of this new-fangled technology? I long for the days of simplicity.

Simon Paulson, San Jose, Calif.

**A** Welcome to vehicle networking, also known as multiplexing. With the explosive growth of powertrain, brake control and suspension systems, along with convenience, safety and navigation systems, a modern vehicle can contain close to 2,000 circuits traversing as much as three miles of wiring.

Multiplexing allows sharing of circuits,

resulting in far fewer wires, tem-ponents, control units, and the problems they can bring.

As an example, a driver's side modern vehicle would need about 100 wires. Multiplexing was not for that a multiplexing system provides only slightly more than a dozen wires, making it necessary to operate the doors, windows, mirrors, door locks, seat belts, other functions.

The thought of computers much of the car might be infinite, negotiating the mass of wiring components that would otherwise is a far worse proposition

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Engine Type ..... 3.2-liter V6 & 5-liter V8

Horsepower ..... 160 & 270 @ 5,700 rpm

Torque ..... 310 & 510 @ 2,700 to 3,000 rpm

Transmission ..... Five-speed automatic

Wheelbase ..... 107 inches

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Mileage ..... N/A

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# Ford changed the landscape with memorable vehicles

**VOTOR MATTERS**  
Ford's 100th anniversary  
achieves, it is worth noting  
that Ford put the world on  
its back and did so with some of  
the most memorable vehicles  
ever. It's a rundown of some  
of the most significant ones:

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Ford built 15 million Model Ts through 1927.

**Model A**

Ford replaced the Model T with the Model A. It represented major improvements over the Model T, which had become antiquated next to the Chevrolets and Dodges with which it competed.

The Model A was built at Ford's then-new Rouge complex, the world's largest car assembly plant for a long time, which is now being renovated to produce the 2004 F-150 pickup truck.

"The Rouge" not only assembled the vehicle but also produced the parts and materials, such as the steel and

glass, for the car.

The Model A helped Ford recapture sales leadership over Chevrolet, though its success was short-lived due to the Depression.

**Flathead V8**

After the Depression in 1932, Ford introduced a pioneering V8 engine in the 1932 Flathead V8.

Henry Ford wanted a V8 engine that was lighter and less expensive to build than other V8s on the market.

The single-cast V8 engine block marked a major engineering milestone in automotive history because it allowed for relatively inexpensive mass production of V8 engines.

**F-Series**

Ford's F-Series pickup trucks, introduced in 1948, were a completely new postwar design and concept. They were offered in a number of variations, with different capacities and engines.

Its descendant, the current F-Series, has been the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. for 21

years and the best-selling truck for the past 26 years.

In the spirit of the 1948 model, the redesigned 2004 version will offer buyers a smorgasbord of choices of bed size, seats, interiors, doors, engines and options.

**1949 Ford**

The 1949 Ford was the automaker's first truly post-World War II car design.

It featured smooth, modern lines, a slab-sided body mounted on a new chassis; and aircraft motifs.

It also featured a number of mechanical improvements, including Ford's first use of an independent front suspension.

**Thunderbird**

The 1955 Ford Thunderbird was a response to the 1953 Chevrolet Corvette.

Marketed as a personal car instead of a pure sports car, the Thunderbird initially outsold the Corvette by a wide margin.

The Thunderbird name existed through 1997 but the car took on many forms, and

strayed far from its origins. In 2001, Ford re-introduced the Thunderbird more in keeping with the classic version.

**Mustang**

The 1964 Ford Mustang was the original of its genre. Its model name provided the basis for the species' generic label of pony cars.

With the end of the muscle car era and the beginning of fuel crisis, the Mustang strayed from its roots, giving way to the subcompact Mustang II in the 1970s.

But it later returned to its original form.

Ford will introduce a new Mustang in 2004, that will feature cues from Mustangs of the past.

**Taurus**

If there were ever a car that saved a company, it was the Taurus.

Ford was on the brink of extinction in the early 1980s and needed a home run.

It bet the bank — \$3.5 billion — on an innovatively styled,

relatively fuel-efficient mid-size family sedan.

Ford also revolutionized the way it developed and consumer-tested cars with the Taurus and its sibling, the Mercury Sable.

The Taurus was a hit, becoming the best-selling vehicle in America rather quickly, and it remains among the top 10 best-sellers.

Its design was mimicked by other manufacturers.

In 1986, the Taurus helped Ford beat General Motors in profits for the first time since 1924 and caused Ford's stock price to skyrocket.

**Explorer**

Ford reinvented the sport utility vehicle, which had been around since the 1930s, with the more civilized Explorer in 1990.

The Explorer, along with the Jeep Grand Cherokee, established the modern-day SUV, which became the station wagon of the 1990s.

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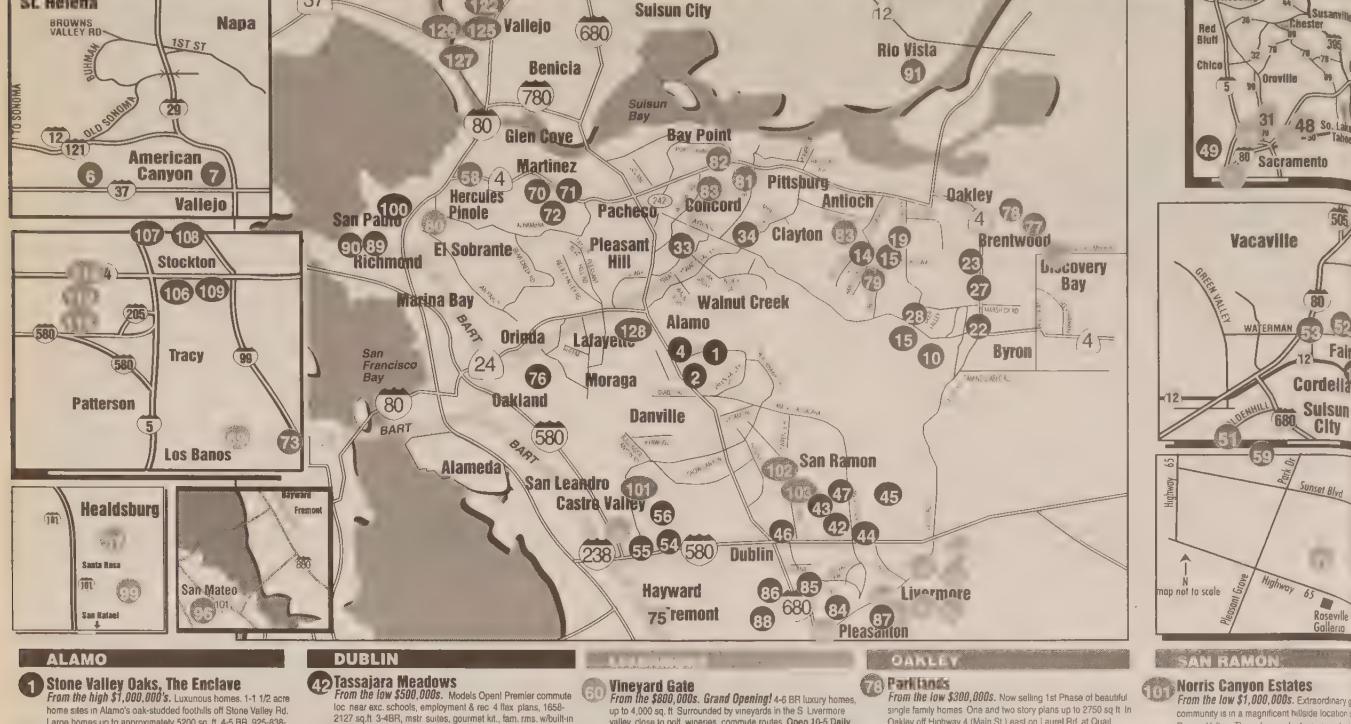
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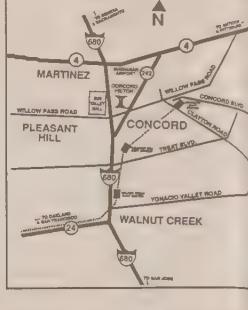
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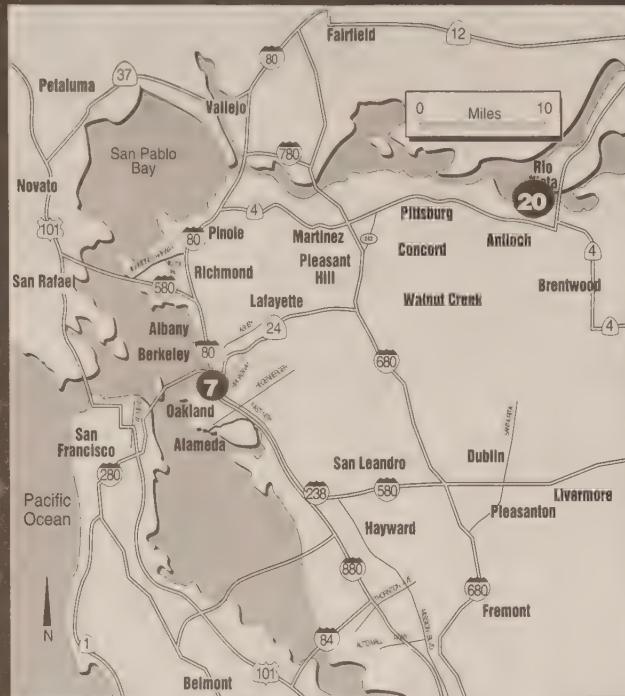








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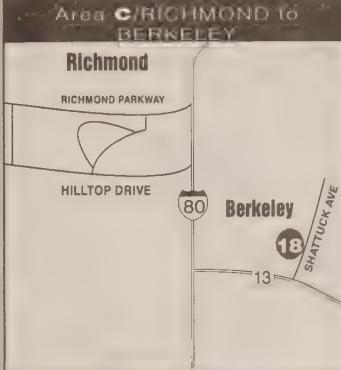
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Seasoning the wok is the most important step in cooking. Roasted or hammered carbon steel should be washed with soapy water, wiped dry and heated over the stove top. Using a folded paper towel, rub cooking oil over the entire surface of the wok. With the exhaust fan on, gently heat the wok rubbing the surface with the towel until the wok begins to darken. Carefully rotate until all lower sides have come in contact with the burner. To clean a carbon steel wok, simply use a non-abrasive sponge and rinse in hot,

soapy water. Wipe away surface water and stove-dry over high heat. It is not recommended to oil the wok for storage. Find a good wok spatula and ladle. The ladle is mainly used along with the spatula to assist in tossing motions when stir-frying. It is also used as a serving utensil transferring food from wok to serving platter. Wood and plastic versions are good alternatives to traditional metal utensils.

To cook Asian food, all you need to know is how to cut, measure, mix and toss. The following two recipes Singapore Firecracker with Shrimp and Yan Fried Rice use stir-fry and blanching cooking techniques. Don't get nervous, they are very easy! To cook Asian food, all ingredients should be

fresh, cut and measured before cooking begins.

Singapore Firecracker is a tangy and spicy dish using fresh Asian herbs and lemongrass served in a delightful aromatic sauce. Stir-frying is one of the most exciting and energetic methods of Asian cooking. The food is kept in constant motion, by stirring or tossing to ensure even cooking. This fun, quick cooking method retains natural flavors, textures and nutrients, using very little oil. Meats and seafoods are usually removed before vegetables are added. Because stir-frying only takes a few minutes, vegetables come out crisp and colorful, meats come out lightly browned and juicy.

#### SINGAPORE FIRECRACKER WITH SHRIMP

1-1/2 pounds shrimp, peeled and deveined  
8 tablespoons Canola Oil for cooking  
1 red bell pepper, julienned  
1 yellow onion, julienned  
1 tablespoon garlic/ginger minced, mixed  
2 tablespoons lemongrass, chopped  
3 stalks green onion, cut into 2-inch pieces  
1 cup ketchup  
1/2 cup Thai Chili dipping sauce  
1/2 cup water  
1 tablespoon sesame oil  
2 tablespoons green onion, chopped fine, for garnish

6 cups steamed rice  
1. Heat 4 tablespoons canola oil in wok. Cook shrimp for 3 minutes until it becomes opaque; set aside and reserve.

2. Add 4 more tablespoons canola oil and add bell pepper and onions to caramelize—about two minutes; add ginger/garlic mixture and green onions.

3. Combine Thai chili dipping sauce, ketchup and water, simmering for 1 minute, and then add



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YAN FRIED RICE is a healthy, colorful blend of brown and white rice with carrots, green onions, broccoli, red bell peppers and mushrooms.

shrimp and sesame oil.

4. Toss to coat shrimp with sauce; transfer to serving platter and serve with steamed rice.

Makes 4 servings.

Yan Fried Rice "jumps" in the wok—a healthy, colorful blend of brown and white rice with carrots, green onions, broccoli, red bell peppers and mushrooms. The vegetables are blanched first, simply meaning pre-cooked in boiling water. To blanch, bring a wok

large pot of water to a boil. Add the vegetables and cook for a few minutes. Remove the vegetables from the wok and quickly rinse with cool water to stop the cooking process. Generally vegetables are blanched only until crisp tender or until the color is bright. After the vegetables are blanched, use the stir-fry method.

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PORE FIRECRACKER is a tangy and spicy dish using fresh Asian herbs and lemongrass in a delightful aromatic sauce.

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Of course the traditional accompaniment to barbecued pork sandwiches is coleslaw. While the corn bread is baking, simply mix a bag of shredded cabbage with mayonnaise thinned with a little cider or wine vinegar and seasoned with plenty of black pepper.

**Menu**

Barbecued pork with cheese corn bread, coleslaw, mixed sliced cheese, iced tea or beer

**Tips**

Turn the oven on as soon as you get home from work. Buy shredded cheese in a bag. Jazz up sliced fruit with a sprinkle of fruit vinegar or balsamic vinegar.

Note: Beef barbecue can be used instead of pork, if you like.

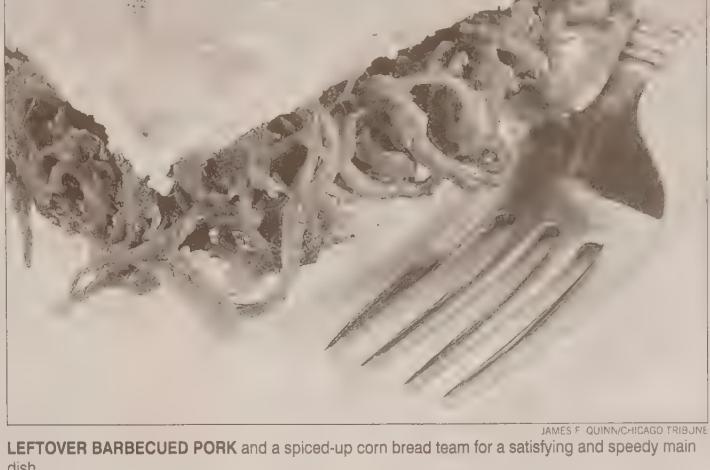
**BARBECUED PORK WITH CHEESE CORN BREAD**  
1 small package (8.5 ounces) corn bread mix  
1/2 cup milk

1 egg  
1 cup each: fresh or frozen corn kernels, grated Cheddar cheese  
3 green onions, minced  
1 small jalapeno chili, seeded, minced  
3 cups leftover pork barbecue or 1 container (18 ounces) refrigerated pork barbecue  
1 tablespoon yellow mustard, optional

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix corn bread mix, milk and egg in medium bowl. Stir in corn, cheese, onions and jalapeno. Pour into greased 8-inch-square baking dish. Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes.  
2. Meanwhile, heat barbecued pork and mustard in covered

saucepans over low heat until hot throughout, about 10 minutes. Cut corn bread into squares. Halve the squares horizontally; place on serving plates. Spoon pork on top of one square on each plate; top with other square to make a sandwich.

Preparation time: 20 minutes, cooking time: 30 minutes, makes 6 servings.



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**LEFTOVER BARBECUED PORK** and a spiced-up corn bread team for a satisfying and speedy main dish.

## Martin Yan: Celebrity chef and all-around nice guy

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Martin Yan, host of more than 2,000 cooking shows, highly respected food and restaurant consultant, and certified Master Chef,

recent release, *Martin Yan's Asian Favorites* (Ten Speed Press 2002), and award-winning *Chinese Cooking for Dummies* (HungryMinds). The celebrity chef now has

McCarthy Ranch Marketplace, Milpitas, 408-945-1733.

Born in Guangzhou, China, Yan always possessed a passion for cooking. However, his formal introduction to the culinary world started at age 13 when he began his first apprenticeship for a well-established Hong Kong restaurant. After earning his diploma from the Overseas Institute of Cookery, Hong Kong, Yan traveled to Canada and then on to the United States.

Before receiving his M.S. in Food Science from the University of California, Davis, Yan taught Chinese cooking for the University of California extension program.

He later began hosting the popular show "Yan Can Cook." He has been a frequent guest chef-instructor at professional chef programs, including the California Culinary Academy, Johnson & Wales University (he served on both schools' advisory committees), the Culinary Institute of America, the University of San Francisco, and Chinese chef training programs across North America.

Yan is the founder of the Yan Can International Cooking School in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Yan is the recipient of national and international recognition among his peers as a master chef. He is a 2001 inductee for the James Beard Foundation's D'Artagnan Cervena Who's Who of Food and Beverage, which honors food and beverage professionals for their significant and

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Previous acknowledgments include a 1998 Daytime Emmy Award, a 1996 James Beard Award for Best TV Food Journalist, and a 1994 James Beard Award for Best TV Cooking Show.

He has been honored with the prestigious Antonin Careme Award by the Chef's Association of the Pacific Coast and the Courvoisier Leadership Award by Courvoisier Along with Paul Prudhomme, Yan was named Culinary Diplomat for the American Culinary Federation.

He has captured the admiration and loyal following of millions of cooking fans of every milieu as he wins their attention and, more importantly, their hearts, by combining his cookery artistry and teaching skill with a most personal and unique ingredient: humor.

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## Rice

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### YAN FRIED RICE

- 4 ounces chicken breast, sliced
- 4 ounces beef, sliced
- 2 ounces shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 6 tablespoons ounces canola oil for cooking
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup broccoli florettes
- 1/4 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup carrots, julienned
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, julienned
- 4 tablespoons green scallion, chopped
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 3 cups rice: 1/2 brown and 1/2 white

1. Blanch vegetables in water for 1 minute and

2. Use non stick wok

3. Use high temp

pan.

4. Add egg and stir

5. Remove and reheat

6. Add meat and

7. Stir rice for 2-3 min

8. Add vegetables

9. Stir fry; toss ingre

10. Add soy sauc

11. Mix ingredients

12. Add oil to finish.

Makes 4 servings



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## Greek chili

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Cincinnati is home to an unexpected chili with a rich Greek heritage. It's a multi-tiered specialty traditionally served on a bed of spaghetti and topped with shredded Cheddar cheese, in a style known as "three-way."

But why stop there? With toppings of kidney beans or chopped chickpeas (or both), the dish can be "four-way" or "five-way." It's said that this Cincinnati chili has been around for more than 50 years, when a family brought a special recipe from Greece. The following version keeps the chili element and expands the flavor. Chickpeas are combined with red kidney beans in the mixture, and optional garnishes include green onions, feta cheese and Greek olives.

**GREEK CHILI**  
1 pound lean ground beef  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup minced garlic  
1/2 cuppoons chili powder  
1/2 cuppoons dried oregano  
1/2 cuppoons ground cinnamon  
1/2 cuppoons dried mint leaves  
1/2 cuppoons unsweetened coconut milk  
1/2 cuppoons diced tomatoes, drained  
1/2 cuppoons can chickpeas, or 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged chickpeas, rinsed, drained (see note)  
1/2 cuppoons dark-red kidney beans, or 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged dark-red kidney beans, drained (see note)  
1/2 cuppoons honey  
1/2 cuppoons cooked macaroni, or 1/2 cuppoons dried feta cheese and toppings, crumbled feta cheese, sliced Greek olives, as desired.

GREEK CHILI keeps the basic chili style but expands the Greek flavor. Chickpeas are combined with red kidney beans in the chili mixture, and the garnishes include green onions, feta cheese and Greek olives.

bowls; garnish with green onions, feta cheese and olives, as desired.

Note: Any canned or dry-packaged bean variety may be substituted for those listed here.

Makes 8 servings (about 1 cup chili and 2/3 cup macaroni each).

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## What you should look for in a gas grill

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Shopping for a full-size gas grill may seem easy enough: Lift some lids, compare styles, pick a color. But if you want to choose the best (and safest) grill for your money, dig a little deeper. Ask a few questions about the grill's basic features before you buy.

■ Where does the grease go? Some manufacturers do not include a catch pan, but instead instruct you to hang an empty saucer on a wire to collect grease. Others provide shallow pans that spill easily when removed. Look for a catch pan that is at least 1-inch deep and easy to access from the front of the grill.

■ How many burners do I need? Better grills generally have two or more separate burners (not just control knobs). They provide the best heat control. Most lower-priced grills have only one burner which may result in hot and cold spots on the cooking grate. Look for multiple burners made of high-grade stainless steel, they will last longer.

■ What about BTUs? BTUs (British Thermal Units) measure how much volume of gas a grill can burn, not heat output, so more is not necessarily better. In fact, a grill with fewer BTUs that reaches 550°F is the most efficient grill you can buy. It will reach broiling temperatures but won't waste fuel. So look for a grill with the BTU that matters—Better Tank Utilization.

■ How is heat distributed? Most grills rely on lava rock or ceramic briquettes to distribute the heat from the burners to the cooking surface.

Drippings from the food tend to pool in these systems causing unwanted flare-ups. Instead, look for a system with inverted v-shaped metal bars (such as the Flavorizer bars pioneered by Weber) to funnel the grease away from the burner flames, preventing flare-ups.

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■ What's covered by the warranty? The warranty should include more promises than fine print and caveats. Ask before you end up paying extra for what you thought was covered. And don't compromise on anything less than a 10-year warranty. See [www.weber.com](http://www.weber.com).

safely off to the side rather than directly below the grill.

■ Does your grill come with a tank and a tank scale? If you have to buy the tank separately, it adds to the total price of the grill. Ask before you get a surprise at the checkout counter. And look for a grill with a tank scale—you'll never run out of fuel mid-barbecue.

■ Who's backing your purchase? Will the manufacturer be around when you need advice? Is there a 24-hour, toll-free, customer service hotline?

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Contra Costa Health Services is holding a series of public meetings to listen to the comments and answer the questions of the public about the programs to prevent accidents developed by six industrial facilities in Martinez and Bay Point. These programs were developed under the requirements of the California Industrial Release Prevention Program and the Contra Costa County Industrial Safety Ordinance. These programs give an assessment of the potential hazards a facility may present, the prevention programs in place at the facility, and the facility's emergency response program. The prevention programs include training of operators, maintenance and operating procedures, contractor safety, and incident investigation.

Public meetings will be held to discuss these programs for the following facilities:

- General Chemical Bay Point Works and Polychemie (formerly Polypure) will be held on Thursday May 1, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District at 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point
- Tesoro Petroleum Golden Eagle Refinery and Air Products at the Golden Eagle Refinery will be held on Tuesday May 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Pacheco Community Center at 5800 Pacheco Blvd., Pacheco
- Shell Martinez Refining Company and Air Products at the Shell Martinez Refinery will be held on Thursday May 8, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Martinez City Hall at 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend one or more of these informative meetings to find out about, and comment on, the programs developed by these facilities.

An official forty-five day public comment period will begin on April 9, 2003 and will end on May 27, 2003. These Programs may be reviewed at the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs Office at 4333 Pacheco Blvd. in Martinez, Calif. (925) 646-2286 for an appointment. They may also be reviewed at the libraries listed below:

General Chemical Bay Point Works, Polychemie ..... Bay Point Library-205 Pacifica Ave.  
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Shell Martinez Refining Company and Air Products at the Shell Martinez Refinery ..... Martinez Library-740 Court Street

Written comments, postmarked no later than May 27, 2003, should be sent via email to [ARPTeam@hsd.co.contra-costa.ca.us](mailto:ARPTeam@hsd.co.contra-costa.ca.us) or the following address:

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Grilled  
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everyday grilled cheese sandwich: A couple of slices of white bread; a slab of two processed cheese or maybe even ham and a pat of butter, and you got a quick-fix classic.

Left to the imagination of a cheese monger, a grilled cheese sandwich is anything but everyday. Paul Hayden works at The Wine & Cheese Place, and Bob is the cheese specialist at The Merchant, both in St.

The resulting grilled cheese sandwiches are absolutely nothing like

Louis. When asked to describe an ultimate grilled cheese sandwich, Hayden submitted a recipe for a triple-decker that he likes to make for himself, using freshly minced garlic as an additional flavor while grilling the bread and Parmigiano-Reggiano to supplement the mozzarella, Tillamook extra-sharp Cheddar and Gruyere cheeses that make up the layers.

Howard devised a sandwich by picking two artisanal Wisconsin cheeses from his case — Pleasant Ridge Reserve from Uplands Cheese Co. and Knight's Vail from Roth Kase — and wrapping them around a slice of Tuscan Super Ham. He grilled those ingredients on thick slices of egg, moist challah bread sprinkled with the new darling of chef's ingredients, fennel pollen.

The resulting grilled cheese sandwiches are absolutely nothing like

the ones Mom used to make.

## NOW THAT'S A CHEESE SANDWICH

8 thick slices challah (see note)  
8 tablespoons butter, preferably a cultured, European style such as Pluma, divided  
8 large pinches fennel pollen, or to taste (see note)  
4 (2-ounce) slices Pleasant Ridge Reserve cheese (a Gruyere style cheese)

4 (2-ounce) slices Tuscan Super Ham or prosciutto, cut in four medium slices (see note)

4 (2-ounce) slices Knight's Vail cheese (a semi-soft butter cheese)

Cook both sides of bread slices with butter, and sprinkle with fennel pollen, dividing evenly.

Using a griddle or large nonstick pan over medium heat, briefly brown each slice challah on one side, then flip and place 1 slice of Pleasant

Ridge Reserve, 1 slice of ham and then 1 slice of Knight's Vail on each of 4 slices of challah. Cover with remaining bread, making 4 sandwiches.

Grill until lower slice is brown on the bottom; flip and repeat until other face is also brown and cheese is melted. (If bread is browning before cheese melts, reduce heat to medium-low.) Cut sandwiches in half and serve with an icy cold beer of your choice.

Note: Challah is a Jewish egg bread similar to brioche, which can be substituted. The suggested cheeses, Tuscan Super Ham and fennel pollen are all available at specialty stores. Prosciutto, which is widely available at supermarkets and specialty stores, can be substituted, but has a denser taste and works better using two or three very thin slices instead of one medium slice. Makes 8 servings.

cocions give us pleasure both psychologically and physiologically.

Most of us have favorite comfort foods—mac-and-cheese, mashed potatoes dripping with butter, birthday cake—that conjure up happy childhood memories. And in the brain, high-fat, high-calorie foods cause the body to release natural feel-good chemicals.

That's why in times of stress, anxiety or depression, we find ourselves craving the warm, fuzzy feelings brought on by diving into junk food. It's Prozac on a plate.

In an experiment to test whether chocolate cravings were linked to release of pleasurable brain chemicals, Drewnowski gave some subjects naloxone, a drug that blocks the body's receptors for natural opiates, the brain's own version of heroin. Subjects were then offered a variety of foods, among them chocolate-chip cookies and chocolate bars. Those given naloxone reduced their chocolate consumption, indicating the sweet treat was no longer giving them the chocolate "high" they craved.

"This is the first real scientific evidence that cravings have a physiological basis," Drewnowski says, quickly adding, "but I'm not saying cookies are just like heroin."

Todd Becker, a lifelong chocoholic whose uncontrollable cravings are a little out of sync with his gender, says don't underestimate the addictive power of the cocoa bean. His drug of choice? Rich, dark chocolate. His pusher? The receptionist at his law office with her blasted candy dish.

When a doctor's visit revealed his cholesterol was dangerously high, the 37-year-old Seattle attorney visited a nutritionist for help shedding weight and taming his chocolate habit—which consisted of fistfuls of chocolate candies every day followed by dessert on most nights.

In developing Becker's dietary plan, Seattle dietician L. Kathleen Mahan says she knew chocolate would have to be included or else he would end up bingeing. So she upped his protein, shrunk his portion sizes and prescribed three small pieces of dark chocolate per day, either Dove Promises or three squares of a Valrhona bar, which add up to less than 200 calories.

It's not clear why gender affects the palate, but the obvious that chocolate cravings for many women during menstrual phase suggests hormonal factors play a role. Cravings during pregnancy may also be the work of hormones tweaking the taste of taste and smell, but no one has established a biological link.

Drewnowski scoffs at the so-called "mid of the body" theory: "We crave what our bodies want, we would all be craving

the same things."

So, what does it all mean? Drewnowski says cravings are simply the desire to feel good, buttery-sugary-salty con-

Plus, he's allowed two desserts a month.

Now, a year after starting the diet, Becker—who never misses a crumb of his daily allotted chocolates—has shed more than 30 pounds, and his cholesterol has dropped by nearly 100 points.

"Sometimes my cravings are still so bad I have to have four pieces," he says. "But knowing I'm going to be allowed to have the chocolate helps me stick to the program; I don't feel deprived," he says.

And that's the key to controlling your cravings, says Mahan. "The biggest part of a craving is simply not being able to have it."

That may help explain why women are more prone to cravings than men, since women are more frequently on a diet.

Mahan adds that eating a balanced diet and avoiding overloading on simple carbohydrates such as bagels or pasta makes it easier to control cravings. Starches produce drastic swings in blood

sugar, which on the downside trigger cravings for sweets, she explains.

O'Rourke, a registered dietitian based on Bainbridge Island, Wash., says that while it's probably unlikely you'll ever be able to make yourself crave asparagus instead of ice cream, lasting dietary changes are possible when done gradually. For instance, 20 years ago most people were drinking whole milk, but many gradually switched to 2 percent, then 1 percent, and now, millions drink only skim milk and can no longer stomach the thicker varieties.

She suggests applying this tactic to other food items. If you love rich chocolate desserts, try weaning yourself to the point that a fat-free Fudgsicle or cocoa powder mixed with vanilla yogurt can take the edge off your chocolate craving.

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Recipe from Bob Howard, The Wine Merchant.

## PAUL'S FAVORITE GRILLED CHEESE

1 teaspoon minced garlic or to taste

2 tablespoons butter, divided

4 slices whole-wheat bread

1/2 ounce (about 2 tablespoons) shredded Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, divided

2 ounces Gruyere cheese, thinly sliced

2 ounces mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced

2 ounces extra-sharp Cheddar cheese (Tillamook recommended), thinly sliced

Using a griddle or large pan, saute garlic in 1 tablespoon of butter over heat until just brown. Spread remaining butter on both sides of bread. Reduce heat to medium. Saute bread briefly on 1 side with

garlic, then flip. Sprinkle three slices with equal amounts of Parmigiano-Reggiano. Top one of those slices of bread with Gruyere. Wait 15 seconds, then top the second slice with mozzarella. Wait another 15 seconds. If bread is browning before cheese melts, reduce heat to medium-low.

When the bottom faces of the bread are toasted brown, stack together into a sandwich, using the bread without cheese for the top. Continue to cook the until cheese melts, turning as necessary. Cut in half and serve.

Note: To accelerate the melting of the cheese, you can place the assembled sandwich under a broiler for about 10 seconds if pan or griddle is oven-safe or remove sandwich and microwave for 10-15 seconds. Makes 2 servings.

Recipe from Paul Hayden, The Wine & Cheese Place.

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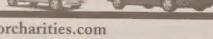
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